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THE WAR.

GEN. BINDON BLOOD'S OPERATIONS.

MANY SURRENDERS.

Standerton, April 27.—Gen. Bindon Blood is giving the Boers no rest in the Middelburg district, and by his carefully-planned and well-executed operations, he is putting the finishing stroke to the enemy's resistance in that quarter at least. His troops are forming a network of patrols, which are harassing the enemy so successfully that they are unable to organise even small parties. The surrenders number hundreds on some days, and every day a large contingent comes in and gives up their rifles. At other eastern centres on the northern Zululand border the opposition is being worn down. As the result of Gen. French's operations several camps have surrendered or have been captured, and a number of cattle and convoys taken.—Central News.

TRAINS BLOWN UP.

BOER ACTIVITY IN ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

Pretoria, April 25 (delayed in transmission).—The enemy are again displaying considerable activity in the Orange River Colony, chiefly on the main railway line near Kroonstad. Yesterday they derailed an ambulance train proceeding south with convalescent soldiers, a few of whom were injured. At Springfontein another train conveying horses was blown up and a number of animals killed. About 50 of the enemy crossed the line near Standerton yesterday after a small skirmish with one of our railway posts, in the course of which one Boer was wounded. Goods and passenger trains continue to travel by daytime only.—Central News Special.

CAPE COLONY.

KRITZINGER'S LOSSES.

A Reuter's telegram from Barkly East states that the portion of Kritzinger's commando which wrecked the train near Molteno lost one killed and four wounded, including Lieut. Meyers, dangerously, and Mr. Sauer, of Cradock. The invaders lost 30 horses, captured or disabled, and left behind a quantity of saddlery. The enemy slipped past during the night, but are being pursued. They are not being assisted by the local Dutch.

PLUMER'S COLUMN REFITTING.

Brig.-gen. Plumer's column, which is refitting at Middelburg, is one of nine columns which will shortly (says the "Mail") make a further combined movement north of Pretoria. The Bushmen contingents will shortly mobilise at Worcester preparatory to returning to Australia.

GEN. BADEN-POWELL.

The Exchange Telegraph Company has the highest authority for stating that the War Office knows absolutely nothing regarding the report that Gen. Baden-Powell is about to resign his command of the South African Constabulary. The latest news of the general is that he is about to proceed to Pretoria. The Exchange Telegraph Company adds that Mrs. Baden-Powell, the mother of the general, who has been staying in South Africa for some months past, will shortly reach England.

BOER TREACHERY AT DEWETSDORP.

MORE ABUSE OF THE WHITE FLAG.

An officer of Bethune's Mounted Infantry has supplied further particulars of the fight outside Dewetsdorp on the 11th inst. Bethune's men located a Boer commando of about 100 men overnight, and it was resolved to attempt a surprise. The regiment, therefore, started on foot before daybreak, taking two machine guns. The Boers were discovered, as had been expected, outspanned in fancied security on a farm. The regiment forthwith spread out, B Squadron assuming the centre, with A Squadron to the left, and C Squadron on the right. Although taken almost completely by surprise, the Boers made a plucky and determined stand. They took up

ADVANTAGEOUS POSITIONS

in a donga, an orchard, and in the farmyard. Heavy firing was maintained on both sides for 20 minutes. The B Squadron was then ordered to advance, which they did in fine style, rushing a position only 60 yards from the enemy's line in the orchard. At these close quarters fire was continued for another hour, our men keeping splendid cover all the time. Ultimately the enemy hoisted a white flag, and assuming that the fight was over, several troopers exposed themselves, notwithstanding that the men had been most earnestly and explicitly ordered by their officers never to quit cover on such occasions until after the enemy had come out and held up their hands in token of submission.

THE BOERS FIRED A VOLLEY,

killing one trooper and wounding a sergeant-major and three other men. After firing this volley the enemy lowered the white flag, and fighting was resumed for some minutes longer. Then C Squadron advanced upon the donga, carried it by assault, and captured 40 Boers. Simultaneously B Squadron rushed the orchard and took 43 prisoners, while the A Squadron on the left bagged the entire Boer convoy. Bethune's Horse found and released four men of the South African Light Horse, who had been prisoners for some time with the Boers. These men were eye-witnesses of the treacherous misuse of the white flag in the orchard, and their evidence will be invaluable in the inquiry which has been ordered.

THE USE OF POISON.

EXTRAORDINARY ALLEGATIONS.

Cape Town, April 27.—The extraordinary allegation is made that some of the men of Kritzinger's Commando in the midland district of this Colony are using poison against our men. The story goes that they place in the household commodities at the farms which they visit strychnine used by farmers in normal times for poisoning jackals. Details are published to-day of a case which is said to have occurred on the 13th inst., in which the alleged poisoner is denounced by name. He is not a Boer, but a well-known renegade Englishman.—Central News.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE FRONT.

Orders have been issued at Aldershot for strong reinforcements to leave for S. Africa early next month, these consisting of three Mounted Infantry companies, Infantry drafts, a field hospital of the R.A.M.C., and a detachment of the A.S.C. The first contingent of Mounted Infantry will be composed of the Gordon Highlanders Co., under Capt. Park, 3rd Batn.; No. 5 Composite Co., under Capt. Weston, 4th Royal N. Reserve Regt.; and No. 6 Composite Co., under Maj. A. W. H. Wood, 3rd Oxfordshire L.I., with a total strength of between 500 and 600. The Infantry drafts consist of two officers and 120 non-commissioned officers and men of the S. Lancashire Regt., to join the 1st Batn., and five officers and 150 non-commissioned officers and men of the Gordon Highlanders, drawn from the details and 3rd Batn., to replace the 1st and 2nd Batns., both of which are at the front. The field hospital, known as No. 25, goes out under the command of Maj. R. S. Henderson, who takes with him Lieut. and Qrmr. Watkins, three civil surgeons, and 25 non-commissioned officers and men of the R.A.M.C. The A.S.C. draft consists of 50 non-commissioned officers and men of the Supply Branch, the majority of whom are clerks. With the exception of the Mounted Infantry, that go out in the Orotava on 6th prox., all the other units embark at Southampton on Wednesday next, 1st prox., in the transport City of Vienna. Details of the Royal Engineers and Highland Light Infantry proceed by the same ship.

The last batch of the Imperial Yeomanry left Aldershot for S. Africa yesterday. All those remaining at Aldershot, who are sick or otherwise unfit for service at the front, are to be discharged from the service forthwith.

The second active service company of the Sussex Volunteers left Chichester yesterday for Southampton to embark on the Pinemore for S. Africa. The men had a hearty send-off.

Nine hundred members of the S. African Constabulary embarked at Southampton yesterday on the transport Pinemore for the Cape. The same vessel is also taking out a draft of 119 Yeomanry, 100 men of the Volunteer Company Royal Sussex Regt., 46 men of the 2nd Cheshire Volunteer Engineers, and details of the Scottish Rifles, bringing up the total on board the vessel to 25 officers and 1,192 men. The members of Baden-Powell's Police, who were a fine body of men, including representatives from many infantry and cavalry regiments, seven Guardsmen being among the number, were, prior to the departure of the vessel, entertained to luncheon by the owners of the vessel. Lieut.-col. Philpotts, of the Royal Horse Artillery, was in command on board.

THE IMPROVEMENT OF DURBAN HARBOUR.

Durban, April 27. — The Harbour engineers have prepared a scheme for the improvement of the Port at a cost of nearly £3,000,000. The scheme includes four miles of quay works, and makes provision for a graving dock. The improvements will quadruple the present capacities of the port.—Reuter.

KRUGER'S PILGRIMAGE.

Amsterdam, April 27.—Mr. Kruger will leave here for America at the commencement of June next.—Laffan.

LATEST CASUALTIES.

DEATHS FROM SICKNESS, ETC.

Enteric, where not otherwise stated:—Imperial Yeomanry, Pte Jas Denny, dysentery, Bloemfontein, April 24. Army Nursing Reserve: Ethel Beatrice Lloyd, Pretoria, April 21. Scottish Horse: 705 Pte C W Currell, Krugersdorp, April 22. Middlesex Regt.: 7165 Pte J [illegible], Newcastle, April 23. Thorneycroft's M.I.: 6714 Pte H Mead, [illegible] April 23. South African Constabulary, 90 Pte T L Patton, pneumonia, April 7; 98 Pte G G Mann, meningitis, April 8; [illegible] Sergt-maj E L Peden, tuberculosis, April 8; 98 Pte G O Willcocks, pneumonia, April 9; all at sea, on s.s. Montford. 1st Seaforth Highlanders: 5418 Lance-corpl W Doyle, internal strangulation, Middelburg, Transvaal, April 24. 1st Welsh Regt.: 3399 Pte J E Gurney, Willowmore, April 20. 2nd South Lancs Regt.: 5612 Pte J McCabe, [illegible], April 22. [illegible] Guides: Pte Sydney [illegible], gunshot wound, abdomen, Springfontein, April 22.

Near Ficksburg, April 24.—1st South Staffs Regt.: 1022 Pte A McDonnell, killed; 2447 Pte W Spence, wounded, since dead; Capt A T Blackwood, slightly wounded, gunshot wound, arm; 3237 Pte J Dunleavy, slightly wounded; 3344 Pte M Murphy, slightly wounded.

South African Constabulary: 704 Pte W E Reginald, wounded, back, [illegible], April 22. 6th Batn. Imperial Yeomanry: [illegible] Pte A A Cowan, killed, near Brandfort, April 25.

Zwartkop, near Brandvlei, April 21.—Western Province Mounted Rifles.—Killed: 550 Lance-corpl J H [illegible], 511 Pte A L Sprigg. Slightly wounded and taken prisoner, since released, gunshot wound, entrance neck, exit shoulder: Lieut E H Tidmarsh. Slightly wounded: 37 Pte T O De O Budgen. Prisoners: 546 Sergt E G Miller, Ptes 587 J A Marsh, 583 W [illegible], 528 M Vanniekerk, 508 E F Page, 548 J H Webster, 533 L Foxall, 581 J R Piggott. Special Mounted Police: Constable [illegible] captured.

7th Dragoon Guards: 4451 Corpl W E Taylor, killed, Karreefontein, April 25, 1900, previously reported missing. 1st Durham L.I.: [illegible] Pte R [illegible], severely wounded, Leeuwfontein, Jan. 25, 1901; 5163 Corpl W Poole, 5096 Pte W Foster, [illegible] Pte J Myers, 3335 Pte David, 5961 G Cook, all missing, Leeuwfontein, Jan. 25, returned to Column, Jan. 25. 2nd Scots Guards: Corpl J [illegible], died of enteric, s.s. City of Vienna, March 12. 62nd Co. Imperial Yeomanry: [illegible] Pte B O Newman, reported missing, Bethlehem, Dec. 25, 1900, was released Ficksburg, Feb. 19, 1901. 2nd Gordon Highlanders: [illegible] Pte Joseph [illegible], missing, [illegible] Farm, Aug. 24, 1900. Army Service Corps: [illegible] Sergt J Capon, 13441 Sergt E Houston, [illegible] Lance-corpl W H Hutchins, [illegible] Pte S Wood, 1757 Dr J B Pidgeon, missing, Dewetsdorp, between Nov. 17 and 23, 1900. Orange River Colony Police: Tprs D H Morrison, R B Morrison, missing, Dewetsdorp, between Nov. 17 and 23, 1900.

CORRECTIONS.

22nd Co. Imperial Yeomanry: For 5573 Sergt A Stowbridge, reported killed, Zeekoe River, April 6, read 5574 Sergt A Oubridge. Imperial Yeomanry: For Pte Emerson, reported dangerously ill of dysentery, at Germiston, April 12, read [illegible] Pte Horace Emerson.

SIR A. MILNER'S HOLIDAY.

THE REAL AFRICAN LION OF THE SEASON.

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LORD STANLEY, M.P.

Lord Stanley made a tour of his constituency yesterday, and during the afternoon opened a bazaar at the W. Houghton Conservative Club. There was a great gathering to welcome his lordship, who said he took it as a great compliment that there were so many present, considering the counter attraction at the great football match only a short distance away. Referring to certain charges that he had not visited the district as often as his constituents desired, and that he had broken his promise to open a bazaar on the first day, he said he wished to make the position perfectly clear; he only promised to open the bazaar if there was no Army business before the House—which there was. He made no promises which he was not always glad to fulfil, and he wished it to be understood that his duties in Parliament interfered with his appearance amongst his constituents, and that his visits might not be as frequent as they had been hitherto.

BRITISH UNDERBID.

NINE U.S. LOCOMOTIVES FOR INDIA.

The Pittsburg Locomotive Co. have secured a contract for nine locomotives for the Calcutta Port Commissioners. The company tendered to build the locomotives for £1,378 apiece. This was the lowest tender, the British (Messrs. Neilson and Reid, of Glasgow) tender being £1,549. This is the first time that Americans have underbid the British for locomotives abroad.

EMBODIMENT OF MILITIA.

The following battalions of militia infantry will be embodied on the dates stated below and brought to Aldershot, where they will be placed under canvas:—5th Royal Fusiliers on May 5, encamped at Ash, where they will be put through a course of musketry; 3rd E. Surrey Regt. on May 6, and encamped on Jubilee Hill, and attached temporarily to the 3rd Infantry brigade; 5th Lancashire Fusiliers and 5th Manchester Regt. on May 7, and encamped on Bourley Bottom, and attached to a brigade yet to be specified, but probably the first brigade.

CHINA CRISIS.

THE EMPRESS AND THE POWERS.

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION APPOINTED.

New York, April 27.—Mr. Squiers, now American Chargé d'Affaires at Peking, cabled yesterday to the State Department that the Empress-Dowager has appointed Li Hung Chang, Prince Ching and Kung Kang, with three members of the Tsung-li-Yamen, a special Board of Administration for the whole Empire, which is to relieve her of all public functions. This measure is interpreted at Washington as the

VIRTUAL ABDICATION

of the Empress-Dowager. Mr. Squiers has seen Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching on their appointment, and states that this voluntary act of the Empress Dowager is eminently satisfactory to the Chinese Commissioners, who hope that it will enable them to expedite the negotiations with the Powers.

ABDICATION OF THE DOWAGER EMPRESS.

Washington, April 26.—According to an official despatch from Peking the Empress Dowager has abdicated.—Central News.

PAO-TING-FU EXPEDITION.

GERMAN LOSSES.

Peking, April 27.—The headquarters staff has received a telegram from a British officer, accompanying the French portion of the expedition from Pao-ting-fu. He states that on the 23rd inst. the Germans crossed into Shansi through the Kukuan and Changchenglin Passes, in pursuit of the retiring Chinese. They followed them for 25 kilometres, and fought a sharp action. The French remained in occupation of the passes. The Germans returned on the 25th, when the French handed over the passes and retired to their previous outposts. The Germans are stated to have lost four men killed, and five officers and 60 men wounded. The Chinese losses are not stated.—Reuter.

UNREST AT PEKING.

INCENDIARIES AT WORK.

Paris, April 27.—A Peking telegram, dated April 26, says that the situation remains insecure, as it is now certain that the Imperial Palace was wantonly set on fire. Two more criminal attempts were made yesterday in broad daylight to start fires in the Legation district.—Laffan.

Reuter's Peking correspondent says: —Notices in Chinese were placarded here during Thursday night calling on patriotic Chinamen to rise on the 13th prox. and to expel all foreigners.

FAMINE IN SHANSI.

New York, April 27.—Li Hung Chang has cabled to the "Christian Herald" stating that a very serious famine is spreading over the whole of the province of Shansi. He adds that over 11,000,000 of the population are affected, and that urgent relief is necessary.—Reuter.

GREAT DISCOVERY OF GUNS.

Tientsin, April 26.—The British have discovered 19 Krupp field guns, with a quantity of ammunition, buried in the vicinity of Shan-hai-kwan. H.M.S. Endymion has arrived at Taku, and the Isis has left.—Reuter.

FATAL CARRIAGE ACCIDENT.

Dr. John Archibald Lorimer, of Farnham, who was thrown out of his carriage on Friday, died yesterday. The deceased, who was a very popular surgeon locally, was a schoolfellow of the present Duke of Argyll.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN ALGERIA.

COLONIALS MURDERED.

Paris, April 27.—The "Figaro" publishes a telegram from Algiers stating that Arab rebels have killed, wounded, and captured nearly all the inhabitants of the village of Marguerite. According to a despatch received by the "Journal" from Algiers, the stationmaster at El Asroun has telegraphed that he has seen numerous bands of armed Arabs in his locality. He has asked for arms and ammunition.—Reuter.

CAUSE OF THE REVOLT.

Algiers, April 27.—An official telegram from Marguerite announces that order has been restored. A rural policeman, a sharpshooter, two colonists, two Spaniards, and an Italian were killed in the disturbance, while three officers and several gendarmes were slightly wounded. Three natives were also killed. The despatch adds that measures have been taken to protect the surrounding villages. Another message says: The report that a deputy administrator had been killed is untrue. He was made prisoner and bound, but was subsequently liberated. The cause of the revolt dates back to last December, when a number of arrests were made in consequence of a plot organised by the Beni Ben Asser as

A PROTEST

against the acquisition by a number of manufacturers of forests, charcoal, wood, and other timber used as fuel. These purchases reduced the natives, who had no other means of earning a livelihood, to a state of extreme poverty. For several days past there has been no security for the colonists, who have been subjected to jeers and insults. The first victim of the rebels was the Caid, who only saved his life by allowing himself to be despoiled of all he possessed, including weapons and horses. The rioters were headed by a Marabout. There are a large number of pilgrimages now going on, and only a few days ago a Marabout gathered round him nearly 1,000 Arabs in the vicinity of Miliana.—Reuter.

Algiers, April 27.—According to official information, 16 of the Arabs were killed in the fighting which followed the attack on Marguerette.—Dalziel.

A NOVEL BAZAAR.

Ald. G. Wyatt Truscott will, on Tuesday, open a novel kind of bazaar at New Cross, with the view of clearing off a debt of £700 on the parish hall of St. Catherine's, Hatcham Park. The whole of the stalls have been let to local tradesmen for the exhibition of their goods, which are to be sold at the same prices as at their ordinary business establishments. Orchestral concerts, and other entertainments, will provide relief from the business of shopping in this social fashion.

COUNT VON BUELOW'S "SUCCESSOR."

Berlin, Saturday.—The Hamburg "Nachrichten" asserts that Count von Buelow, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and supposed to be in the full confidence of the Emperor William II., will soon have a successor in Count von Marschall, some time Secretary of State, and now Ambassador at Constantinople. There is no foundation for the report, which has its origin, to all appearance, in party malignity against Count von Buelow.—Central News.

MR. D'OYLY CARTE'S WILL.

The estate has been sworn at £240,817 3s. 1d. of Mr. Richard D'Oyly Carte, of the Savoy Theatre, No. 4, Adelphi-ter., and The Eyot, Weybridge, who died on April 4; and his will and codicil have just been proved by Mrs. Helen Carte, the widow and sole executrix.

CLERK AND TROOPER.

NIGHT ADVENTURE AT THE WEST-END.

John Walter Arnison, trooper in C Squadron, Royal Horse Guards, quartered at Knightsbridge, was charged at Westminster Police Court yesterday with robbery with violence from the person of Frank Charles Napier, bank clerk, Kensington-mansions, Earl's-court.—Prosecutor said he met prisoner in the Criterion Restaurant about midnight. Up to that time they were strangers to each other. Prosecutor had a friend with him. After some time they drove in a hansom to Victoria, where he bade his friend good night. With prisoner he then entered a restaurant and had some

DRINK AND OYSTERS,

and as they were walking up the street in the direction of home they were accosted by a man who said he could take them to a place he knew where they could get some further refreshment. They hailed a hansom, and the man took them all the way to the Strand. Witness would not have a drink there, however, as he was growing tired, and said he wanted to get home. He told the soldier he did not like the other man, and wanted to drop him for bringing them on that wild-goose chase. As they endeavoured to get away, the man followed and

DEMANDED MONEY,

and witness gave him a shilling to get rid of him. At length they got another cab, and witness ordered the driver to Knightsbridge, in order that he might set the prisoner down. When in the High-road prisoner signalled the driver to stop, and then he suddenly made a grab at witness's gold watch. He succeeded in obtaining it, with the chain, and then made off at full speed. Telling the cabman to follow, witness gave chase, and followed prisoner down a dark alley. As he gained on the prisoner the latter doubled, and struck him a blow in the mouth with his fist, knocking out a tooth. The prisoner eventually fell, a crowd collected, and he was handed over to a police constable. The watch and chain were found by his side.—Prisoner, who said he was drunk, and had no recollection of the affair, was committed for trial.

COUNTRYMEN IN LONDON.

The last concert of the season in connection with the London Cornish Association was held last night at the Cripplegate Institute, City. Dr. W. Hill presided, and there was a large attendance. A remarkably good programme was arranged, including songs, duets, violin, 'cello, cornet and piano solos, recitations, etc., and among the artists were Misses E. Ponder-Cudlip, D. Walens, G. Hacklett, and L. and M. Mukle, and Mrs. F. Russell, Messrs. G. Smart and G. W. Wreford, while the ladies' band also contributed to the evening's enjoyment. The season, which has been a most successful one, will conclude on May 11, when the annual dinner is to be held at the Hotel Cecil.

Although comparatively a new society, the London Fife Association has already become very popular among Scotsmen in London. The association was formed, inter alia, to befriend Fifeshire men in the metropolis, to assist those connected with the county who have fallen upon evil times, and to promote the study of the history and traditions of Fife. The fourth annual dinner was held last night at the Holborn Restaurant, Lord Elgin in the chair. After the loyal toast had been duly honoured, that of "The Services" was proposed by Mr. T. Mitchell and responded to by Col. Sir J. Gilmour. The "Houses of Parliament" was submitted by Mr. Birrell, M.P., and replied to by Mr. Anstruther, M.P. Responding to "The London Fife Association," proposed by Mr. J. Cleland, the chairman referred to the good the association was doing and to the distinguished men which Fife had produced. Other toasts followed, among the speakers being Mr. Lawson, Sir J. Leng, Mr. Dalziel, Dr. M. Brown, and Mr. J. Forgan.

LORD SELBORNE.

H.M.S. Niobe arrived in Plymouth Sound yesterday with Lord Selborne, First Lord of the Admiralty, and Rear-Admiral Wilmot Hawksworth Fawkes, private secretary, on board. Before her arrival in the Sound the Niobe successfully communicated with H.M.S. Diadem by means of wireless telegraphy. Lord Selborne remains at Plymouth till to-morrow as the guest of the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Lord C. Scott. His lordship afterwards visited the first-class battleships Bulwark and Implacable, under repair, and the Montague, recently launched, and other smaller vessels. He lunched with Admiral Jackson, of Devonport Dockyard, and at night dined with the Naval Commander-in-Chief. After Divine Service to-day Lord Selborne goes on a short visit to Lord Mount-Edgcumbe.

ENFIELD CENSUS RETURN.

The census returns for Enfield, Middlesex, show an increase of 12,000 since the last census was taken, although the increase does not come up to the estimate of the medical officers by about 2,000. Only a few years ago Enfield was a rural suburb, and a large proportion of its inhabitants were engaged in the local market gardens, but now it is a great residential neighbourhood for town workers, and has 42,738 souls. The sexes are remarkably even, being 21,079 males and 21,659 females. The separate families scheduled amounted to 8,622.

SAD FATALITY.

THREE MEN DROWNED AT DOVERCOURT.

At Dovercourt yesterday the body of Capt. R. Henderson of the G.E. continental steamer was found floating in Dovercourt Bay, not far from the Low Lighthouse. A Trinity Lighthouse keeper, who discovered it, went in a punt to tell his mate named Woodruff, and as the men were proceeding to the shore a heavy sea struck the boat, which was capsized, and the lighthouse keeper and Woodruff were drowned. Both men leave large families. Capt. Henderson had been in ill-health for some months, and only returned from Lowestoft the previous night.

NAVAL AND MILITARY.

The Irish Artillery practice camp at Glen Imaal, Wicklow, opened for the season yesterday, and two batteries of R.H.A. and 12 Field batteries will undergo the course at this centre, the camp comdt. being Col. F. A. Yorke, R.A. On the previous day the Artillery practice camp at Okehampton opened. The camp comdt. is Col. Eustace, who lately returned home from S. Africa.

Maj. Hunt took over the apptmt. of 2nd in command of the 2nd Batn. Yorks. L.I., in succession to Sir H. Earle; while Maj. Chute becomes 2nd of the 1st Batn. R. Munster Fusiliers, and Maj. Jenkins 2nd of the 1st Batn. Rifle Brigade; Maj. Anderson has also taken over the apptmt. of 2nd in command 6th Batn. Manchester Regt.

Capt. McClellan took over the adjtcy. of the 5 Irish Dragoon Guards; Capt. Hall, R. Irish Rifles, becomes adjt. of the 6th Batn. R. Fusiliers, at Finsbury Barracks, and Capt. Peebles has taken over the adjtcy. of the 1st V.B. Norfolk Regt. Capt. Campbell, 1st Batn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders also takes over the adjtcy. of the 4th V.B. Devonshire Regt., in place of Capt. Ca Lauris, gone to S. Africa.

Maj. Saunders-Knox-Gore, a retired officer of the Royal Artillery, was appointed Lieut.-col., to command the Donegal Artillery Militia, in succession to Col. [illegible], who retired several weeks ago.

Col. Leake, R.A.M.C., was formally appointed to act as principal medical officer on the staff of Maj.-gen. Sir J. F. Maurice, K.C.B., commanding Woolwich District.

The 1st Batn. Irish Guards, under command of Lieut.-col. Cooper, will during the week leave Chelsea Barracks, where the corps has been located during the winter, and proceed to Pirbright Camp. It is anticipated this batn. will shortly be sent to Ireland to be stationed at Dublin.

To-morrow Brevet Lieut.-col. Townshend, 4th Batn. Royal Fusiliers, at Shorncliffe will take over command of the Depot Cos. of the Royal Fusiliers at Hounslow.

There will be an interesting ceremony at Hythe next Wednesday, when Maj.-gen. Sir Ian Hamilton will be presented with the freedom of that borough, in a handsome casket, in recognition of his services in S. Africa. Previous to proceeding to the front the Gen. commanded the School of Musketry at Hythe. He will be accompanied by Lady Hamilton and Lady Edwina Roberts. The party will be met on arrival at Hythe by the Mayor and Corporation, the General commanding the district, etc. Subsequent to the presentation there will be a reception and a banquet.

The following Naval appointments were notified at the Admiralty yesterday:—Lieuts. W. Spoke, to Victory, addl. for Viper, in command; E. H. Rymer to Magnificent, both to date, May 7; H. P. Buckle to Pembroke, addl. for Albatross, in command, undated; Asst.-Engr. T. R. G. Davies to Duke of Wellington, to date April 23.

The following men have been awarded the medal for long service and good conduct:—J. Harding, Lg. Sto., 1st Class, Osborne; H. Hunt, C.P.O., Majestic; J. Grant, C.P.O., Vernon; J. West, Yeo. Sig., and P. Barry, P.O. 1st Class, St Vincent; C. F. Smith, P.O. 1st Class, and W. J. K. Collins, P.O. 1st Class, Excellent; W. Quick, Ch. Arm., Galatea; J. Moriarty, Div. Carp., Coastguard; H. J. Wilson, Ch. Sto., Collingwood; E. G. Harding, J. Blair, R. Hayter, W. H. Bell, C. White, W. Dyer, R. W. Oakley, W. O. Tracey, G. Shaw, Coastguard Boatmen; F. J. Starr, Ch. Sto., Camperdown; C. Reed, Btn., Coastguard; W. Santry, Sergt., Portsmouth R.M.L.I.; J. E. Downs, Pte., Chatham; A. Shaw, Sergt., Chatham; J. Garthwaite, Sergt., R.M.A.

Movements of H.M. ships reported:—

Malta: Andromeda, arrived 25th.

Port Said: Ringdove, sailed for Malta 25th.

Ascension: Doris, sailed for Las Palmas 26th.

Aden: Scout, arrived 25th, to leave for Suez 27th.

Thursday Island: Phoebe, arrived 25th and sailed for Townsville 26th.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

VESSELS REPORTED AT CUSTOMS HOUSE UP TO 4 P.M. THURSDAY:—

Greta, Porsgrund, Gravesend, J. Goodchild.
Baltic, Kragerø, Gravesend, Victor Dahl.
P. Hendrik (s), Flushing, Port Victoria, Flood, Page.
Engleland (s), Flushing, Queenborough, Flood, Page.
Rosetti (s), Smyrna, &c., M.D., A. Lamming and Co.
Saphir (s), Ostend, T.D., J. Goodchild.
Balcovale (s), Hamburg, East Lane Tier, G.S.N. Co.
Portia (s), Hamburg, St. Kat.'s Dks., Groves and Co.
Mallard (s), Antwerp, Bellamy's Whf., G.S.N. Co.
Adler (s), Bremen, St. Kat.'s Dks., Argo S.S. Co.
Nero (s), Rotterdam, M.D., Paull and Snellshead.
Swift (s), Ostend, St. Kat.'s Whf., G.S.N. Co.
Isabel (s), Frederikshald, Surrey Dks., J. Goodchild.
Lagertha, Christiania, S.O.D., Forster, Alcock.
Doucadine (s), Yokohama, &c., R.A.D., J. Levire.
Amstelstroom (s), Amsterdam, Brewer's Quay, Phillipps and Graves.
Lilly, Karlskrona, S.D.C., Andersen, Becker.
Earlham (s), Guernsey, Griffiths Whf., Temple Thompson.
Terra (s), Hamburg, Cotton's Whf. and East Lane Tier, G.S.N. Co.
Oarab Prince (s), Beyrout, Vic. Dks., F. Kagy & Co.
Merannio (s), Rotterdam, Brewers Quay, G.S.N. Co.
Langesund, Porsgrund, Gravesend, G. L. Page.
Persia (s), Bombay, &c., R.A.D., P. and O. Co.
Balboa (s), Barcelona, &c., Fresh Whf., McAndrews.
Garthdee (s), Rotterdam, Ratcliffe Cross Tier, J. Owen.

FORECAST OF WEATHER.

ENGLAND, N.E.	Easterly and south-easterly winds, light or moderate; fair, dry.
ENGLAND, E. ... MIDLAND COUNTIES.	Northerly and north-easterly winds, moderate or light; fair on a whole; rather warmer.
ENGLAND S. (London & Channel) ENGLAND, S.W. and Wales.	Northerly and north-westerly winds, moderate or light; fair rather warmer.
ENGLAND N.W. and N. Wales SCOTLAND, W....	Varying easterly winds, moderate or light; fair, dry.

TIDE TABLE FOR THE WEEK.

	LONDON, mrn.	LONDON, aft.	LIVERPOOL, mrn.	LIVERPOOL, aft.	BRISTOL, mrn.	BRISTOL, aft.	HULL, mrn.	HULL, aft.
S	9 56	10 22	7 32	8 [illegible]	8 54	8 31	9 17	[illegible]
M	11 4	11 36	8 23	8 59	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
T	[illegible]	0 1	9 21	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
W	0 33	0 46	10 1	10 19	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
T	1 6	1 20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
F	1 43	[illegible]	11 10	11 [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
S	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

CIGARETTE PAPERS

By JOSEPH HATTON.

The Play and the Dinner Hour

"The play's the thing"—with the Music Hall as its most powerful competitor. Men having dined at their club or at a fashionable restaurant, light their cigars and stroll into a free-and-easy, if palatial, Hall of Varieties. They continue their dinner-table chat through an uninteresting "turn" or two until attention is enforced by the "star" incident of the evening. Not even then are they called upon to be silent, or to put out their cigars. In these days of many public and private entertainments, "social functions," and luxurious dining, and the universal charm of

Sublime tobacco! which, from east to west,
Cheers the tar's labour and the Turkman's rest,

the theatre, devoted to serious and artistic work, is unduly handicapped. The late dinner hour which is the best friend of the music hall is the worst enemy of the theatre.

A Familiarity that does not Breed Contempt.

"And couldn't you find a more fetching and original quotation than that old chestnut of Byron's?" I can hear the youthful critic, who condescends to sit at this round table, exclaim, as he turns over in his mind, scraps from Watson, Richard Le Gallienne, Andrew Lang, and the poetasters of the "Pall Mall Gazette" and "The Westminster." Of course one might if one tried, but to some of us the familiar lines of the dear old poets appeal to pleasant memories, and often, let me say, with all due respect and admiration for the new poetry, with a truer ring. They are like your old coat, that fits every movement of the body, or an old stick that has been with you round the world, or an old pipe that has been your companion in many a hard mental fight over difficult questions. It is then that you remember first coming upon some happy thought, set with the magic fire of genius, and thus memory suggests the apt, if worn, quotation. It would be like turning one's back upon an old friend to reject it even for Morris, Rossetti, or the passionate Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

After Dinner Puffs.

Tobacco is like a well-paid servant, anxious to please you in every mood. Are you gay and festive or touched with the traditional impulse of the spring, it comes to you as a cigarette, elegant and fantastic. In its smoke are angelic pictures:—

My cigarette! Can I forget
How Kate and I, in sunny weather,
Sat in the shade the elm trees made,
And rolled the fragrant weed together?
I at her side, beatified
To hold and guide her fingers willing;
She, rolling slow the paper's snow,
Putting my heart in with the filling.

For a more luxurious mood the Virginia leaf provides you with a choice cigar. Poor Harry Leigh, almost the last of the Bohemians of Fleet-st. and the Strand, was wont to sing:—

To yield an after-dinner puff,
O'er demi-tasse and brandy,
No cigarettes are strong enough;
No pipes are ever handy.
However fine may be the food,
It only moves my laughter,
Unless a dry delicious weed
Appears a little after.

"A Quiet Pipe."

But from the very first inspiration, born of the weed, until the present day, poets have sung with a more strenuous enthusiasm the delights of the pipe, than ever the muse has permitted them grace of thought and word for either cigar or cigarette. Take our newest singer, Richard le Gallienne, for example: listen to his self-satisfied murmurings as he turns the pages of his book and re-fills his favourite pipe—

With pipe and book at close of day
O! what is sweeter, mortal say!
It matters not what book on knee,
Old Izaak, or the Odyssey,
It matters not, meerschaum or clay!

For these vagrant papers of mine the cigarette is all in all, a passing whiff, a transient fancy, to quickly end in ashes. It may be, however, that in the embers you shall find the flash of a serious thought, a hint of some subject for reflection, or the fag-end of a reminiscence, akin to a memory of your own, to be revived and contemplated, in the firelight if it be winter, or if summer, beside a rod and line, sitting beneath a river's leafy bank. In any of these situations I commend a quiet pipe. Your cigarette paper has burnt away, and the sparks in your ash-tray disappear, hardly giving you enough fire for your more serious smoke.

The Comfort of It.

In joy or sorrow, there is nothing more comforting than a quiet pipe. The horizon of your worldly prospects has grown dark with threat of storm and tempest; a quiet pipe. The stock you bought for the rise has gone down; a quiet pipe. The friend you trusted has deceived you; a quiet pipe. You have lost for ever a loved companion; at first the weed may taste bitter, but resignation will come eventually with a quiet pipe. Presently the sun will shine again never so bright as before, but never at all without a quiet pipe.

Who would not praise the quiet pipe,
To peaceful thought devoted?
Who would not live to years full ripe,
By peaceful thought promoted?
Why should one heed if people say
That smoking is injurious,
Who merely point to those whose way
Of smoking is so furious?

There's the rub! A quiet pipe means a quiet pipe, not a steam engine, not a tornado. It is an aid to reflection, a silent, sympathetic friend, a companion fitted to your moods; and I hope this contemplative excursion into dreamland may fall in with your after-dinner toleration of a fellow-smoker's mild enthusiasm.

Fortune and Frivolity.

Let us for once continue to be frivolous, and go on chatting about theatres and music halls and the like. We have arrived at such a condition of prosperity and luxury that it needed the Boer war to pull us up and give our young bloods a chance of maintaining their manhood. Talk of the pressure of taxation, the youngsters of the time who are born with silver spoons fling their gold about as if it were the nickel of America. If the Chancellor of the Exchequer could lay his hand on the luxuries of the day what a haul he might make! Fine wines and brandies, liqueurs, jewellery, rare silks, bon-bons, French and American boots, dinner cards, shilling and half-crown cigars, button-holes from the Riviera, foreign fruits, gloves, fans, and the lord knows what in the way of knick-knacks of all kinds! Common tobacco should not be taxed at the same rate as the finest weed, nor cheap wines at the rate of prime vintages. Bachelors should be specially taxed, and tickets for every kind of entertainment for seats beyond a shilling should have a stamp affixed, said stamp to be bought at the Post Office. Racehorses, especially imported ones, might fairly bear a revenue levy.

Fortune is merry,
And in this mood will give us anything.

Irving, Tree, and the Haymarket.

Fortune is certainly kind to the theatres, despite late dinner-hours, the rivalry of music halls, and the after-dinner cigarette. Messrs. Frederick Harrison and Cyril Maude have made what Americans call "their pile" at the Haymarket. Mr. Tree might have done the same at that historic house; but he elected to give hostages to fortune over the way, and splendid hostages they were! So far his ambition has been rewarded with artistic fame. If the fortune has yet to come, "Twelfth Night" has laid in the foundation, and the name of Beerbohm Tree will go down to posterity in connection with the new and beautiful Her Majesty's, even if the encroaching Carlton Hotel should at some future day make siege to Tree's gorgeous Temple of the Drama. Mr. Cyril Maude, over the way, is delighting his admirers with a very finished and fascinating impersonation in "The Second in Command," a thin but pleasant and wholesome story, with a touch of the war in it that brings some of its scenes home to both stalls and gallery. Sir Henry Irving and Miss Terry are back at the old house in Wellington-st., both heartily welcomed by devoted audiences. Sir Henry's personality has not moulted a feather of its old attractiveness and charm, and in his production of "Coriolanus" there is that subtle touch of artistic appreciation that has always given to the Lyceum stage under his management a unique and unrivalled supremacy.

Actor-Managers and Authors.

Irving before a certain Commission, regarding the stage, said the theatre was a lottery, compared with which "Monte Carlo is not in it." The Commissioners smiled at Sir Henry's extravagant simile. They knew, bless their innocent hearts, what a rich man Irving was. The famous actor-manager knew better, but to-day everybody knows everybody else's business—according to the newspapers. All the same, even the most lottery of lotteries has its prizes. I have seen men and women scoop up enormous winnings at Monte Carlo, and the Bancrofts retired from theatre management with over £100,000. They say the Kendals are worth no less a sum. Mr. Charles Wyndham is credited with being next door to a millionaire, and our dear friend Toole went into enforced retirement with a sufficient fortune. Mr. Pinero and Mr. Henry Arthur Jones must be as wealthy as very prosperous newspaper proprietors, which is giving them a large credit in these halcyon days of the Press. Mr. George Alexander has made a fortune at the St. James's. Latterly he has had "bad luck," which he deserved, no doubt, with bad plays, but he is once more on the rosy path of prosperity. "The Wilderness," by Mr. Esmond, is commended highly by the most reliable critics, and the theatre is crowded. Mr. Esmond is quite a young author-actor. He has a comedy running in America which will be worth to him no less than £20,000. At least Mr. Nat Goodwin says so, and he ought to know; he is paying the author's fees. The leading part in "The Wilderness" is played by Miss Eva Moore, who has made the acting hit of the play, and she is Mr. Esmond's wife. There's a stroke of fortune for you!

That Tragic Necklace.

The enterprising press agent of theatrical management has missed an opportunity. He has told us that the Countess de la Motte committed suicide on the very site of the Garrick Theatre, where Miss Janet Steer is now engaged in presenting the dramatic story of the Frenchwoman's vile career, but neither Miss Steer nor Mrs. Langtry appear to be acquainted with the interesting fact that the very necklace which forms the raison d'être of the stirring stage romance is in England and in the possession of a gracious lady, who has always shown so much interest in the stage that she might have lent it for a first night, or certainly have permitted a model to be made of it. The jewel, you will remember, was brought to England by De la Motte, by whom many of the stones were removed from the setting and sold. Possibly, if the precious gems had been worked into gold the metal might have been melted. Anyhow, the necklace is more or less intact to-day, and is worn on special occasions by the Baroness Burdett Coutts, in whose family it is an heirloom.

Miss Mary Moore.

In these days of the personal paragraph it will not be out of place to remark, at this round table of after-dinner chat, that Miss Mary Moore (Mrs. James Albery) will return to London on Thursday next from her adventurous excursion to South Africa, looking, no doubt, just as young as she is, and even younger. A telegram en route describes her as in the best of health and spirits. I remember her a girlish bride of 16 and proposing health and happiness to her and her stalwart husband at the wedding breakfast; and a year afterwards standing at the font with the son and heir's illustrious god-father, and wishing the child luck at a little dinner afterwards. They lived at Fairlawn, a pleasant cottage with a distant garden-outlook to the Thames, where it is busiest, beyond Erith. The lad has had a narrow escape from an attack of enteric. His mother, at little more than an hour's notice, started from London for the hospital where he lay, and hopes to be back again on Saturday at Wyndham's Theatre acting her graceful and womanly part in "Mrs. Dane's Defence."

MODERATION.—"A Bridle of Gold! and he that can use it aright is liker a God than a man."—THE STOMACH AND ITS TRIALS.—Headache and Disordered Stomach.—"After suffering for nearly two and a half years from severe headache and disordered stomach, and after trying almost everything, and spending much money, without finding any benefit, I was recommended by a friend to try Eno's 'Fruit Salt,' and before I had finished one bottle I found it doing me a great deal of good, and now I am restored to my usual health; and others I know that have tried it have not enjoyed such good health for years.—Yours truly, Veritas."—(Advt.)

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

[Questions requiring to be answered the same week must reach the office by TUESDAY morning. Valuations, whether of coins, books, or other property, are never given. Letters should be written in ink, and marked outside "Legal," "Household," "Madame," "Sporting," or otherwise. The coupon given below must be forwarded for each question, with name and address of the questioner in all cases, but not for publication when a nom-de-plume is appended. Neither private addresses nor recommendations are ever given. No answer will be given through the post, even though stamps be enclosed. All rejected MSS. unaccompanied by stamped addressed covers will be destroyed. Copies of short articles should be kept by their authors. We do not undertake to return them, nor do we accept any responsibility for MSS. that may be lost. Requests for recipes should be addressed to "Household."]

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[1. Notices to contain the following particulars only:—Name of missing person. How long since last heard of. Relationship to applicant. Signature and address of applicant (not necessarily for publication). 2. Must have been missing for over one year at least. 3. Notice must come direct from relations. 4. Repetition will not be given. 5. Coupon must be enclosed. Notices which do not comply with these rules can only be inserted in the "Personal" advertising column at the usual charge.]

MEDICAL ADVICE.

[A physician, whose qualifications for the work are of the highest, answers ordinary questions of a medical nature. In ordinary cases the reply is given in these columns, without charge, under the heading "Medical," but when written prescriptions are necessary the applicant must send stamped addressed envelope and a shilling postal order. This course must also be adopted whenever the question is of such a delicate nature as to be unfit to be dealt with publicly. The word "Medical" should appear outside.]

LEGAL QUERIES.

[Original documents are not to be sent on any account. We cannot be responsible for them or undertake to return them, even if stamps are enclosed. We do not hold ourselves responsible with regard to our answers, although they are by a legal expert, who wishes it to be understood that he does not undertake to construe the rules of friendly societies, nor to answer questions on foreign law. Owing to the great increase in the number of questions, it is not always possible to answer all of them during the current week. Repeated questions, on the same subject, must be accompanied with a copy of the previous question and our answer.]

PATENTS.

[As we have no room for detailed information respecting the taking out of patents and collateral matters, we forward all such communications to a professional agent, who supplies the information free of charge to inquirers. The envelope should be inscribed "Patents" on the address side.]

NOMS-DE-PLUME.

[Correspondents should select uncommon noms-de-plume in order to avoid confusion.]

LEGAL.

SOLOMON.—Technically, it is an offence.

WELSHMAN.—Of course you are responsible under the circumstances.

LADY SMITH.—See "The People Almanac."

GINGER BEER.—Yes, if they have not seen the advertisement.

TIGHT.—1. No. 2. No. 3. No court; see the registrar of the local county court. 4. No.

ELIZABETH READ.—Yes, if all the rules and directions are carried out.

H. WILSON.—Yes, if the sub-tenant has not paid her rent.

VOCE.—1. Yes. 2. Sue them at once.

SOUTH AFRICA.—1. Yes. 2. Yes.

MALMSBURY.—1. Probably from Friday. 2. Write to the chaplain of the prison.

E. W. HARFIELD.—1. No. 2. Yes.

FRIDA.—The judgment is good for 12 years. You can do nothing till he returns.

A. E. CHESHIRE.—1. No. 2. No.

FRANCES DAWSON.—Perfectly legal; Somerset House.

TOPSY.—Sue them in the County Court.

SALLY.—The executors have a year to clear up the estate in.

EX-COACHMAN.—What they say is probably correct.

CHARLIE.—Certainly a week; possibly one month.

HARRY.—No, we fear you cannot.

SURPRISED.—They can keep her, but you can appeal to the Commissioners of Lunacy at Whitehall.

SETTLEMENT.—Give it to her verbally and by hand in the presence of a reliable witness.

CARROLL.—Sue them in the County Court.

WILL CASE, X Y Z.—We think you might try, but you will have to apply to a solicitor.

W. W. D.—Go to the police court and get the proper notices from them—three weeks.

IN DEEP ARTS.—Ask for £2 0.

PROMISSORY.—Sue him in the County Court.

REFLAWLIL.—Defend the action, and explain the facts to the judge.

RAILWAY.—Claim two years' difference between his wages and those of a full-blown workman.

YORKSHIREMAN.—Wiser to pay it.

KING FISH.—We think you are a yearly tenant, and must have six months' notice, to expire on the date you came in.

LAMP LIGHT.—1. See the registrar of the county court. 2. No.

DEVONIAN.—We fear you have no case, but we should leave the house, risk consequences, and defend.

ZARA.—Yes, sue in the county court.

E. BARLOW.—Decline to pay, and defend if she sues.

MILLBANK.—No; write privately to the sanitary inspector.

ANXIOUS FATHER.—Yes, if done continually.

CHAM.—Yes, husband.

RANGER.—Yes, you could sue for his contributions to date.

B. STAINFORTH.—No rebate.

MIKE.—No, she must give you her address. Tell her to in writing, and keep a copy of the letter.

LAST.—No, we think not.

DIVORCE.—1. Yes. 2. No. 3. No.

VIOLET.—Issue a judgment summons, and subpœna the father to prove his means.

IOLANNA.—No, no.

I. F. S. L.—If he is mentioned by name, yes; but if he is described as "my husband," no.

ADELAIDE.—Ask for a separation from a magistrate the next time he strikes you.

ZUMMERSET.—Yes, they are evidently part of your salary.

WARWICK.—Give them to her in the presence of a reliable witness.

W. D.—Write to the person who inserts the advertisement.

RIVERS.—Sue him for trespass, damage, and compensation.

LENA.—Yes, sue the G.W.R.

MAJOR (Hawke's Bay).—In reply to your 11 closely written pages, we can only advise you to consult a solicitor.

SALT WATER.—No, he could not, but let your wife make a will in your favour.

BIG BOOT.—Decline to pay, and defend if they sue.

CHARLES MATTHEWS.—Yes, but you can recover it from the Inland Revenue.

PHILANTHROPIST.—1. No, unless the wife breaks the agreement in some way. 2. It depends upon a good many facts which you do not give.

WORRIED ONE.—You are not legally bound to stay, and the landlord can only distrain for rent in arrear.

OSWESTRY.—Stamp, 10s.

STREAM.—1, 2, and 3. Yes. 4. About three or four weeks.

IGNORANCE.—Your statement is not clear. Write to the Paymaster General at the Royal Courts of Justice.

ANNIE BUCK.—We fear you have no claim.

TORLAY.—Sue the most substantial man of the lot, and let him get the proper share from the defaulter.

MAY.—No, you cannot get a divorce.

J. H.—The freehold would go to the heir, and the personalty would be divided up between the next-of-kin.

HEAVEN.—It all depends upon their powers and the exact form of the will.

LYDIA.—1. Oh, no. 2. No.

CROCHETY FIZZLETON.—1. Yes. 2. No. 3. He would have to take out a summons.

PORKER.—Yes, but he will have to serve him with the proper party wall notice.

T. L.—Yes, but defend.

GUARDIANS.—He must take it or send it by post.

DEPLOMIA WOMAN.—Write to the British Consul in Holland, demanding them; as they are legitimate they are yours.

KING FISH.—He must give you six months' notice, to terminate on the date you entered.

REF.—1. No. 2. Yes.

ANXIOUS M. [illegible].—[illegible], they cannot.

ARBLASTER (Tremeer).—Get proper forms of notice from police court, or distrain.

LENNARD.—Doubtful case to sue on.

INSTEAD.—1 and 2. Both Courts have absolute power to make an order dealing with such property as the Courts think fit in the interests of justice.

PIPE.—1. Sue them both jointly and severally. 2. No you cannot.

SWEARS.—Claim £200.

DISTRESSED.—He has no right in your room. Why not ask your husband to live elsewhere.

T. DROVER.—Sue.

GENTLEMAN.—It all depends upon how long your greenhouse has been up.

BRAM.—1. No. 2. No.

A. C. GNONEN.—You cannot sue a man for libel if he gives you a character which is false.

A SUFFERING DOMESTIC.—We think you are, unless the charges are true.

W. A.—Sue them.

COUPON 19.—Search for the will at Somerset House, and order a copy for yourself.

TYPO.—Yes, you would.

M. H.—Let her go to a magistrate and ask his advice.

FAITHFUL.—Nearly £2,000.

MUCH WORRIED.—Consult the nearest magistrate.

V. M. W.—If she will not give up the goods peaceably, go to a magistrate.

BESSIE.—Sue him for the return of your box.

ABIGAIL.—We cannot advise on extracts from title deeds, much wiser to see a solicitor.

LENTEN.—No, not until the testator is dead, and the will proved; then at Somerset House, Strand.

MISERABLE.—No, certainly not.

W. L. J.—1. No. 2. Yes. 3. Wait until judgment is signed against you. 4. Yes. 5. No. 6. Yes. 7. No.

BILLIARD.—Nothing; defend if they sue.

SEASIDE.—Sue the executor.

PILLS.—Write a letter of explanation to the Registrar, setting out all the facts, or send your wife or a friend.

GEORGINA.—Save up 6s. 8d., and consult a solicitor.

OBELISK.—1. No, it is not legal, but they are often made and rarely broken. 2. No.

DUCK BILLS.—1. Yes, unless amount under £20. 2. £1 10s. 3. No.

LOCOMOTIVE.—1. It is a difficult thing to do, unless he has an insurable interest. 2. Let her write to the Office, and give her reasons.

TRUSTED.—Yes, they are liable; sue for reasonable damage.

AMUSEMENTS.—Do nothing until they put in execution; then let the Bill of Sale holder know. The more anxiety you show the more they will press you.

LESBIA X. X.—Such a marriage would be illegal. He could, however, dispose of his property as he chose by will.

SEACROFT, MERCULES, SIMEON, ANXIOUS, T. L.—Yes.

SOLDIER'S WIDOW, A. R., E. MIXON, ANXIOUS INQUIRER, J. Y. X., HARASSED, ANXIOUS ONE, SED, NO OFFENCE.—No.

MEDICAL.

EZTETIC.—There is evidently irritation of the end of the nerves at the position complained of. A constant current kathode applied over the part might help you.

GRACE BARRETT, ANXIOUS, ICHI BAN.—Wash the affected part each day with clean, tepid water, to which some boracic powder has been added; use coal tar soap; dry well and dust on some of the powder. Take 1 ounce of this medicine each alternate morning in a tumblerful of hot water on rising: Mag sulph, 2 ounces; mag carb, 2 drachms; peppermint water, to 10 ounces. Change your socks frequently. Wear broad-toed, wide-welted, low, broad-heeled, well-fitting boots.

CRAMP.—Have the part well massaged daily and well rubbed each night at bed-time with some of this liniment: Lin opii et lin belladonna, of each equal parts. Live much in the open air; dress in flannel; avoid stimulants.

ROSE, BRENTANO.—Take 1 teaspoonful of the syr ferri quinæ et strych phosphat in 2 ounces of water three times a day after food. Avoid all stimulants. Live much in the open air.

J. GREEN, MOUNT'S BAY, V. QUIDNUNC.—Live much in the open air; have the painful part well massaged daily, and well rubbed with some of this liniment night and morning: Lin acet et lin opii, of each equal parts. Take 1 tablespoonful of this medicine in a claret-glassful of effervescing potash water after each meal: Mag sulph, 1 ounce; sodii iodidi, 2 drachms; sodii bicarb, 4 drachms; potass bicarb, 1 ounce; liq fowleri, 1 drachm; decoct sarsæ co, to 20 ounces; avoid all stimulants. Dress in flannel.

LANCASTRIAN.—Childrens' Hospital, Great Ormond-st., Queen's-sq., W.C.

ANXIETY, KNEE, W. ALLEN, ADA.—Take local medical advice.

ORMONDE, ILFORD CUCKOO.—Take a cold water enema daily (6 ounces); walking exercise in the open air; have the abdominal region well massaged, a varied diet of good quality, one in which well-cooked, fresh, green vegetables enters largely; eat coarse, brown bread, and take 1 drachm of this medicine in half a wineglassful of water each morning after breakfast: Ex cascara sagrada, liq et glycerini purif, of each 1 ounce. When the desired effect has been produced the medicine should be discontinued.

M. K. P.—Separate the opposing surfaces by means of a piece of soft felt or amadou plaster. Wear boots as for "Grace Barrett."

A. H. B.—Apply a small quantity of this ointment daily on clean fresh lint: Ungt acid boracic et ungt eucalyptia, of each equal parts.

SYNOPSIS.—Take 1 tablespoonful of this in 2 ounces of water twice a day after food: Tinct ferri mur, sp chlorof, of each 2 drachms; quinæ disulph, 10 grains; water, to 8 ounces.

CLARE, BLUSHING, IVY.—Drugs will not help you.

MAC, HARP, JEDDAH.—Use daily through a nasal douche this solution, taking care to change the nose-piece from nostril to nostril during the process of douching: Glycerini acid carbolic, glycerini boracic, of each 2 drachms; clean, tepid water, 10 ounces. Avoid all stimulants and tobacco. Take medicine as for "J. Green." Dress in flannel.

BATTERSEA PARK, FAIRY, WINNER, STAMP, DONKEY.—Take a plain varied diet of good quality. Avoid all stimulants. Take medicine as follows (half an ounce each alternate morning in a tumblerful of hot water): Mag sulph, 2 ounces; mag carb, sp ammon co, of each 2 drachms; aq menth pip, to 8 ounces.

GYROSCOPE.—No, let it alone.

M. W., UNOSTENTATIOUS.—Epilation by electricity is the only cure.

R. H. KAY.—Daily steam the part over boiling water; press out all black points by means of a watch-key; wash with hot water, using sulphur skin soap. Take ½ ounce of this medicine in a tumblerful of hot water each alternate morning on rising: Mag sulph, 2 ounces; mag carb, 2 drachms; liq fowleri, ½ drachm; sp æther nit, 4 drachms; aq menth pip, to 10 ounces; live much in the open air; avoid stimulants.

ARTHUR X.—Consult an ophthalmic surgeon.

CALVENTE.—Wear boots as for "Grace Barrett"; draw the deformed toe to the inner line of the foot and keep it in this position by means of strapping. Apply a poultice to the part each night at bed-time, until the pain and inflammation has gone, then paint the part each night and morning with the tinct iodidi.

PICKENPACKER.—Cycling and all outdoor games will help you.

A MALE READER, W. B., ESAU, JUNIOR OX.—Wash the head once in two weeks at bed-time, using warm water and coal tar soap; dry well. Daily apply to the hair and its roots some of this ointment: Hydrarg ammon chlor, 10 grains; liq carbonis detergens, 1 drachm; olei petrolei et olei ricini, of each 2 drachms; lanoline (pure) and vaseline, of each ½ ounce. Take 1 drachm of the syr ferri quinæ et strychniæ phosphas in 2 ounces of water after each meal.

FATHER JACK.—At about 12 years of age.

O. H. WHITE, CLIFF SIDE.—Avoid stimulants; get walking exercise in the open air; take a plain, varied diet of good quality, also ½ ounce of this medicine in as much water after each meal: Mag sulph, 1 ounce; sodii bicarb, 2 drachms; sp ammon co, 3 drachms; inf rhei, 2 ounces; inf calumbæ, to 8 ounces.

NASAL CATARRH.—An operation is the only cure.

78 AND 72.—Do not take drugs. Live a temperate life in all things. Take a plain, varied diet of good quality. Dress in flannel; live much in the open air.

HARD UP.—Eat your food slowly, masticate it well; drink but little fluid with your meals; get daily walking exercise in the open air; avoid all stimulants and tea. Take ½ ounce of this medicine in as much water after each meal: Bismuthi carb, mag carb, sodii bicarb, of each 2 drachms; tinct nucis vom, 1½ drachms; sp ammon co, 4 drachms; pulv rhei, 1 drachm; aq menth pip, to 10 ounces. Dress in flannel; let your diet consist largely of good, fresh cow's milk.

IN TROUBLE.—Apply to the hair and its roots some of this solution daily: Acid carbolic, 1 part; olive oil, 20 parts. See that a separate brush and comb is used for each. Take a liberal diet and live much in the open air. Wash the head once a week at bed-time, using borax skin soap.

MERRY.—Daily apply to each some of the salicylic acid collodion, taking great care that the collodion thoroughly saturates each; peel off the dried, hard crust, and repeat process until cured. Apply the collodion by means of a camel's hair brush.

CONTESS.—Massage face daily; wash the part with clean tepid rain water; use borax skin soap. Apply a small quantity of boracic ointment each night at bed-time. Drugs will not help you.

W. W.—An india-rubber band placed between the strapping from the toe to the heel.

LINNET.—Must be more explicit.

JANE.—Let her live much in the open air; dress in flannel. Take a plain, varied diet of good quality, and 1 drachm of the following in 2 ounces of water after each meal: Liquor ferri dialys, 2 ounces; glycerini purif, 1½ ounces; ext cascar liq, 4 drachms.

TARAC.—Apply daily some of this ointment: Hydrarg ammon chlor, 30 grains; olei petrolei, 3 drachms; bals peruviani, 1 drachm; lanoline, 1 ounce. Wash the part once a week at bed-time with warm water, using borax skin soap.

ECILA.—Use the following as an oil: Nut oil, 2 ounces; olive oil, 4 ounces; alcohol, ½ ounce; essence of musk and bergamot, of each 24 drops; essence of orange, 16 drops; otto of roses, 2 drops.

VOX, REEF, MARKET BROWN, RELAY, CAPEL, NIL, AN ANXIOUS MOTHER, LIZZIE, THE BOY, ORPHEUS, A. W., BABY, LITTLE ELSIE, VERONICA, WOODMAN, B. R. HENRY.—Examination necessary before advice can be given.

A. PALMER, A. H. P., LLEW, ARGOSY, S. E. BETHLAM, ANXIOUS, KIT, W. J. S., STONE JUG.—Conform to rules in notes to correspondents, re-state your case, giving your correct name and address, distinctly written, in full.

HOUSEHOLD.

J. S.—Chalk the shelves of pantries or anywhere provisions are put, so that the ants cannot move about, or lay moistened fly-paper in their haunts, or boil pieces of string in beer and sugar and lay these in the way of the insects, and when they swarm over the pieces of string, say every 24 hours gather up the strings and drop them into boiling water. After five or ten minutes well wash out the strings, dry them, and then re-boil as before and repeat.

FUSSIE.—We never give addresses. Consult the "Post Office Directory," which can be seen at any of the free libraries, etc.

SEA VIEW.—You had better consult a professional cleaner.

SUAVE.—Have not room. You had better get one of the books published on confectionery subjects.

L. M. P.—There is nothing we could recommend at such a cost.

H. P.—The varnish should not be put on thickly. They should on no account be put before the fire or in the sun to dry. You should use a proper soft varnishing brush; it is sometimes necessary to give more than one coat. They should have been quite dry before varnishing.

CRICKET.—A covered box having perforations in the lid large enough for the crickets to get in easily, and the bottom of the box baited with oatmeal, is considered a good trap for catching them. Jam crocks half filled with water and laid about the kitchen floor or wherever they are troublesome will also catch and drown a good few.

W. W.—We cannot suggest anything stronger, as to apply such would be more or less injurious to the fabric.

M. T.—The tincture is to be had at chemists. If they are not allowed to sell it alone they would no doubt make up the recipe for you. It is largely used in various preparations for the hair.

HY. D.—This is not a household matter, or a work for an amateur. The manufacture requires special buildings.

CHARLIE.—The best we can suggest is to rub it down to below the scratch first with fine glasspaper and then with a wetted piece of linen cloth dipped in finely-powdered pumice stone. Having carefully removed all dust from the glasspaper, this should bring it to a very fine surface; the polish can then be brought up with fine whiting rubbed on with a piece of cloth wetted in soapsuds, but be careful as before to remove all trace of the pumice powder when you are beginning the polish.

SOMERSET.—Cannot advise anything likely to answer.

HAMISH.—The last time given in full was issue of Dec. 30, 1900.

PINAFORE.—You have boiled the dye into the fabric. Probably successive washings may reduce it, but there is nothing else we can suggest without injuring the material.

D. F.—Not a "Household" question.

URGENT.—We think you would find it easier "to keep the vellum a clean white" if you lined it with white paper and let it dry before covering; this method also assists against the tendency vellum has to shrink in the drying. If you press the book, the vellum will stick better. We hope these hints may be of use.

MRS. F. (Kent).—"Constant Reader" we cannot recognise as a signature. Parsnip wine recipe was given in issue of March 24. Send the date, your address and postage stamps to the publisher.

T. B.—Take eight or nine good roots, remove the leaves, well wash and lightly scrape off outside skin; then cut the roots in small pieces, put them in a strong jug, and pour a pint of boiling water over them; lightly cover to keep off dust, and let them stand all night, then strain, and it is ready. The liquor should be a bright brown colour, like brown sherry. If the roots are large, six or seven will be enough for a pint of water. Two days from the morning it is fit to use is the longest time it should be kept. A wineglassful once, twice, or thrice a day is usually taken.

R. V.—You should have described what the pieces of furniture are; if upholstered and stuffed, take the cushions, etc., to pieces, boil the stuffing, dry, and pick it to pieces; brush, wash or otherwise thoroughly cleanse the covers, and make up again.

MOLL.—1. No, you must have personal instructions. 2. Not too strong soap, yellow is better.

MISCELLANEOUS.

R. J. L.—July 21, 1889.

STEAL DUCK.—Commandant Viljoen.

ANGLO-SAXON.—Our reply to "Workman" holds good as to Australia; but don't think you can get on there without hard work and patience; the man who can do fairly well in England, however, ought to be able to do better for himself and family in the Colonies.

FRENCH.—They would both be legal in this country, but not so in France, unless certain formalities were observed.

ORION.—Consult a geographical chart.

AMOS.—We cannot.

W. L. L.—£3, expenses, and perquisites.

W. V.—We cannot advise you.

M. B.—We cannot afford you any information without having seen the work.

M. M. M.—Write to Somerset House, enclosing stamped envelope for reply as to cost, etc.

FLYING FOX.—Oct. 2, 1874.

CENSUS (Greenwich).—It was only a census for London.

C. I. V.—1. The figures of the new census are not yet known. 2. You could copy it on tracing paper with ordinary lead pencil. The method you suggest is not feasible.

CHINA.—It is German pottery.

R. J. GANAWAY.—Write to the King's Equerry.

OLD SALT.—There was such a painter. It is impossible to give an opinion on the work without seeing it. If it has been scrubbed, as you say, the probability is that it is utterly spoilt.

DIMMY.—We have no record of such a title.

JACOBITE.—Write to Mr. J. H. Jones, hon. sec. of the Society, 7, Victoria-st., Westminster, S.W.

SHANGHAI.—A cheap work on the subject is published by Dawbarn and Ward, Farringdon-avenue, E.C.

ONE OF THE PEOPLE.—It is quite possible that when the Prussians were in the vicinity of Dieppe the firing of the guns could be heard as you suggest.

EDMONDS.—Gladstone was Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1853-4, incomes on £100 to £150 being then taxed, in the former year 5d. and the latter 7d. in the £.

T. P. C.—No, they are very common.

WINE WHEEL.—We have had no notice of event. You had better write to the secretary, Agricultural Hall, Islington.

AGED WIDOW.—Sampson, Low, Fetter-lane, publish a directory to London charities.

TOAST AT THE FEAST.—We have not the names of the men, but they have been published from time to time.

STELLA.—Warwickshire, and "the heart of England" is at High Cross.

M. NEWTON.—1872.

H. TOMBLING.—February, 1874.

DOSZY.—Apply to W. R. Russell and Co., Publishers, Paternoster Row.

DUNCE.—Easter Sunday in 1902 will fall on March 30.

S. D.—Don't think it is of any particular value. What is the date?

LOST FRIEND.—See our rules, and send us particulars in proper form.

F. BLAIR.—Write to King, of Ipswich. The stamps you mention have little pecuniary value.

ASPIRANT.—Write to the Secretary, Naval College, Keyham.

LITERARY.—Ask the "Times" and the "Standard"; both their great works appear to be American.

WORKMAN.—We have a very high opinion of the prospects of a capable workman in Canada; farmers with a little money and some common sense ought also to do well there.

BANK.—Cannot say, but the Post Office Savings Bank is preferable.

SAILOR.—We know of no way except by application to the owners or captains.

BERTIE.—Write to De la Rue, Oxford-st., or to Editor, "Stationery Trades Journal," 12, Warwick-lane, E.C.

PERSEVERANCE.—Better to begin young, but no reason why with patience and aptitude proficiency should not be achieved at any moderate age.

T. W. R.—The address as given at the bottom of each coupon.

DORIS.—Address Secretary, the Manchester Ladies' Guild Agency, Manchester.

A CONSTANT READER OF "PEOPLE."—We are not able to answer you explicitly; we believe there is no special recognition of nationality under the circumstances. If you address the Ambassador, the Hon. J. H. Choate, Carlton House-terrace, you may get the information.

CORNO.—Write to the authorities. We have not the data by us.

H. W. M. M., T. W. HARRIS.—Yes.

NATURAL HISTORY.

THISTLE.—This is a habit very difficult to break them of. Put a fir cone in its cage as a plaything, and sprinkle common snuff over its feathers.

PUSSY.—Give it, fasting, about a quarter of a powdered areca nut, and, two hours after, a dose of castor oil.

INQUISITIVE DAN.—Wash the feet in diluted carbolic acid, and, after drying them, dust them with powdered sulphur. Keep the cage very clean, and cover the floor with sawdust.

BIRD.—It is not at all a rarity. It will eat almost any kind of seeds.

A. DE F.—They appear to be suffering from fungus. Well cleanse the tank, and do not allow any of the food to remain at the bottom so as to contaminate the water. Do not expose the tank to the sun. We should advise you to change your stock if, after these precautions, they do not improve.

CITY ARMS.—The word "runt" is applied to a young ox or one stunted in growth, irrespective of breed, so that there could well be one bearing the name you mention.

ANGLING.

CANTLOWES.—Will deal with sea angling later on. "Seaside Resorts" (published by Upcott Gill) gives local information of the kind required.

SPORT.

CECIL HARRINGTON.—Chair of Kildare did not run—certainly the bet is void.

H. TAYLOR.—Do you mean horses ages, which are given in most Turf Guides.

ENNUVAL.—Impossible to say—too delicate and personal a question.

J. P.—Any good angling shop.

PIN CAN.—100 to 7.

LOST AND FOUND.

MISSING.

Penna.—Thomas Penna left England for America, last seen in Devonport 1884. Son, Thomas Penna, seeks. Address: 25, Sussex-rd., Ford, Devonport.

Adams.—George Adams, last heard of at Taffras Creek, Gipsland, Victoria, Australia, 15 years ago. Sister Rebecca seeks. Address: Mrs. Darling, 322, Hornsey-rd., Holloway.

Cole.—Thomas Cole, one of the Old Red School boys, later of 58th Regt., last heard of at Plymouth 36 years ago. Brother John seeks. Address: John Cole, 25, Admiralty-st., Stonehouse, Plymouth, Devon.

Waterman.—Samuel Waterman left London about 15 years ago, supposed for Australia. Son seeks. Address: S. Waterman, 56, Cheeson-rd., West Kensington.

Tabor.—John Tabor left Gorleston, Suffolk, in 1889, last heard of 1890 from Albion Hotel, Wellington, New Zealand. Wife inquires. Address: Frances Tabor, 21, Quayside, Gorleston.

Searle.—Robert Searle left home July, 1899, last seen at College Ride, Bagshot, 1899. Wife seeks. Address: Mrs. R. Searle, High-st., Bagshot, Surrey.

Whittington.—Rev. Henry Whittington, of Erith, left South Africa two and a half years ago for Melbourne, Australia. Last heard of in Ballarat, Victoria, giving lantern slides on the Boer war. Wife and family most anxious for tidings. Sister Annie seeks. Address: 8, Victoria-rd., Kensington.

Tanner.—Herbert Tanner, last heard of in Queensland, Australia, nine years ago. Nephew seeks. Address: F. T. Tanner, A.B., G 1, 25 Mess, H.M.S. Excellent, Whale Island, Portsmouth.

Burgess.—Blanch Burgess, last heard of about 15 years ago. Age 20 or 21. Lived with grandfather (Burgess) in Hindon-st., Pimlico, S.W. Grandfather, J. Avery seeks. Address: 64, Hugh-st., Pimlico, S.W.

Abbott.—Dan Abbott and brother left Dorset 30 or 40 years ago for America. Nephew seeks. Address: Yarborough Cottage, Stopford-rd., St. Helier's, Jersey.

Nicolle.—Alfred Nicolle, last heard of 11 years ago in Melbourne, Australia. Sister Jane seeks. Address: Yarborough Cottage, Stopford-rd., St. Helier's, Jersey.

Fouman.—Minnie Jane Fouman, last seen two years ago at Walworth, S.E. Husband seeks. Address: C. W. Fouman, 61, Richmond-st., Totterdown, Bristol.

Buzza.—Buzza, last heard of at Ashburton, about 18 years ago. Son of Elizabeth Buzza seeks.

Webb.—Frank Webb, formerly of Torquay, last heard of 15 years ago at Camborne, Cornwall. Daughters Helen and Priscilla seek.

Hopkins.—Will Baker Hopkins left home for Quebec two years ago, last heard of at Buffalo, in America. Sister seeks. Address: Georgie, c.o. Mrs. S., 26, Old Market-st., Bristol.

Fisher.—George Henry Fisher, last heard of in Plymouth, 30 years ago. Sister Alice seeks. Address: Alice Fisher, 101, Slater-st., off Oldham-rd., Manchester.

Harvey.—Samuel Harvey, last heard of in 1884, in Yorks, tailor and outfitter. Wife and children seek. Address: Thomas Oswald Harvey, Schoolmaster, 4, Winchester-st, Val Plaisant, Jersey.

Evans.—Robert Humphrey Evans, of Maentwrog, N. Wales, last heard of as stevedore, at San Francisco, 14 years ago, has impediment in speech. Sister Catherine enquires. Address: Mrs. J. Hills, 1, Ponsonby-place, Westminster, S.W.

Green.—Mary Green, last heard of 1886. Sister Lizzie seeks. Father dead. Address: 30, Peterboro-rd., Parsons Green, Fulham.

Bamford.—William Bamford, last heard of in Worcester two years ago. Wife seeks. Address: 17, Blue School-st., Hereford.

Aplin.—Charles Aplin, last heard of in Bolton, near Manchester, about three years ago. Mother seeks. Address: 34, Heywood-st., Sneinton, Notts.

[A number of answers are held over until next week.]

Walpole Park, Ealing's new open space of 30 acres, which cost £40,000, is to be opened by Lord George Hamilton on Wednesday.

Whether it is a benefit to Enfield to "enable nursemaids to go about with modern novels under their arms" is the question to be discussed at the next meeting of the committee concerned.

THE TREASURES OF THE WICKED.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "PRISONERS OF HOPE," "LOST IN THE LOSING," "WHEN THE HEART IS YOUNG," "A STEADFAST HEART," &c.

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THE MYSTIC RUBY.

By LORIN LATHROP.

CHAPTER III.

THE MESSAGE FROM THE DEAD.

Rose clasped her lover's neck in consolation, as she cried "be brave, Clarence darling; we have still each other."

Smiling through her tears, and stroking his cheek, she whispered, "poor boy, you have no relations, no mother. I shall have to be wife, and relations, and mother, all in one to you. Do you think, darling, I shall make a good mother?"

And so she rattled on, pouring out a flood of sweet nonsense, striving to bring a smile to the lips of her beloved, who was indeed sadly broken by the message from the dead. He had been led to expect so much. Through all his short life he had been stimulated and encouraged by the reiterated assurance that when he came of age he would find a strange and important destiny awaiting him. He had been absolutely confident that to-day would not only see him in a position of dignity and honour, but would also find him the accepted suitor of Rose Aydelott—and now, the dreadful reality: the child of shame, a foundling, nameless. It was too bitter.

Meanwhile Lascelles, watching from a doorway across the street, was wondering what was happening within the walls. He had seen the lovers go in. He knew that bitter disappointment awaited them. Shame, contrition, jealousy, struggled within him. He slunk away from his post of observation; and near Albemarle-street almost ran headlong into Professor Aydelott. Here was a chance not to be neglected on any consideration; and Lascelles did not hesitate. He called the name of the absent-minded gentleman, who rewarded him with an alert questioning look as though to say, "Well, who the devil are you?"

Lascelles recalled himself as having been a visitor at the professor's house on three or four occasions as the friend of Mr. FitzMallock. The professor, on this, recalled him instantly, and greeted him pleasantly.

"Your friend is twenty-one to-day, I understand," said he.

"I hope he is enjoying so important an anniversary."

"Indeed," responded Lascelles, with perfectly simple manner, "how can he help enjoying it with charming Miss Aydelott to aid him?"

"Ah, yes—eh? What?"

"I envy Mr. FitzMallock the engagement."

"Ah, ah!" said the professor, "not engaged, precisely, as yet, though no doubt it will ultimately be the case. Yes, I knew they were to meet to-day; but really I forget where."

"They are over there in his chambers. I thought probably you were going there."

"So I was, so I was," said the professor, hiding his anger at his daughter's indiscretion. "She was to await me there. I am due now. Good-day, Mr. Lascelles."

Lascelles laughed derisively as the old man left him.

"Well played, old chap," he muttered, "but you had no idea that your daughter was there, and you were not going there. Now, have it out with FitzMallock. Tell him what you think of him for compromising your daughter. Tell him whether you are satisfied with what he has found in the box. In short, old man, break it all up, and leave the field for me. You don't suspect, professor, that I am really to be your son-in-law; and Rose doesn't suspect; but that is really the strange fact."

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Meanwhile the sympathy of love and sorrow told Rose of what her lover was thinking.

"Remember, Clarence," she whispered, "it is for better or worse with you and me. I love you; and I shall be your wife. Not now, but when I come back. You see, father will make me go with him now; and it is better to wait the year than to break with father and mother, isn't it? But then I shall be of age."

"You are very brave and strong," he answered sadly, "but I don't think it is at all fair to you."

"The only thing that would not be fair to me would be for you to break with me," she said, with tender emphasis. "Remember, I am always yours."

Her head was resting on his arm, and he drew it close, and leaned over and kissed her; and as he did so the door was violently opened. So detached from the world were they for the moment by their great disappointment that neither thought of moving. They stood locked in each other's arms, and looked in calm surprise at the angry professor.

It was some seconds before he could find words to speak. Then he shouted, "you young cub, this is the way you compromise the silly girl you pretend to love."

Without a word FitzMallock extended his arms, as though surrendering the passive girl to her father. She now stood between the two. There was an air of sad dignity about the pair that puzzled the old man. They did not act at all like foolish children caught in a scrape. He looked from one to the other in surprise.

"It is not very serious, professor," said FitzMallock quietly, "it was all my fault; it was a last farewell."

"No, no," cried Rose.

"Not serious, to bring a young lady to your chambers? You deserve a sound thrashing, young sir."

FitzMallock only bowed and said no word in self-defence; but Rose was not so patient.

"Father, don't be silly; I invited myself, and came in spite of Clarence; I wanted to be near him, when—when." Here she broke down and fell sobbing on her father's breast, pointing as she did so to the open box on the table.

"She came to share my happiness," said Clarence, "instead she has shared my sorrow."

The father was all gentleness now in attempting to console his daughter; and it was not long before she conquered her tears; she tried to be brave for Clarence's sake.

"Come, Rose," said her father at length, "I must send you home in a hansom. There are some things I must say to—to Clarence."

"Father," pleaded the girl, "you won't be hard on him, will you? Remember, he has had a bitter disappointment."

"I am no ogre, child, come."

His kind old eyes were moistened; and he reproached himself for weakness that he ostentatiously left the room first. One hasty kiss, an expression of surprise from Rose, as she discovered that her hand was still unconsciously closed on the stone she had picked up in the brougham, a careless flinging of it on the table, and the two followed the father to the street.

"Take the brougham," said Clarence, and as she got in he gave directions to the driver, and told the latter that he need not come back.

"Tell him to stop round the corner," said Rose, smiling through her tears, "mother wants so many explanations"; and the deceiving old professor nodded, and changed the orders accordingly.

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When the two lovers met again it was in a far-off clime, and under circumstances very strange indeed.

Clarence and the professor turned and went into the house together, the latter guiltily conscious that he was not a great success in the rôle of a stern father.

"I've always liked you, my boy," he said, "but when I taught you Persian it was not in the contract that I should teach you to love my daughter."

"She did that herself," interrupted Clarence.

"Yes, yes, it came about, and you know there was only one objection, an objection that I hoped you would be able to remove to-day."

"I cannot remove it, and it is unlikely that I ever can."

"I am deeply sorry to hear it," said the professor, "for I cannot bear to think that my daughter will suffer, and I know she will, for she loves you."

"It is you who are separating us," broke in FitzMallock.

"She had better suffer now for a time than run the risk of a lifetime of it. You know how strongly I believe in heredity, FitzMallock. If you could show me a decent parentage—forgive my frankness, but we must settle things once and for all—I should welcome you as a son-in-law. I should not care so very much even if you were not born in wedlock, if I knew who the parents were, and knew that neither came from the gutter——"

"Stop!" cried FitzMallock.

"I don't mean to be heartless or unsympathetic with the disappointment I see you have met, but I must have you understand how firmly I stand on my principle. I have never known you until to-day do an inconsiderate thing, and I have never known you to do a mean or dishonourable thing; but, FitzMallock, it is as sure as fate that if you have a strain of mean blood in you, you are bound some time to do mean things."

The young man to whom these cruel words were addressed went over and stood by the opened door, as though to say that the interview was at an end, but the professor had not finished.

"Tut, tut!" he said. "Don't take my words as personal. You are not to blame."

"I have to pay the penalty though," the young man interrupted.

"So have we all for our ancestors' sins and follies," said the professor, "and now that you know absolutely what I feel about this matter, I want you to promise me not to have any further correspondence with my daughter."

"What is the use of my promising?" asked FitzMallock, drily. "If I have no mean blood in me no harm will result from the correspondence; if I have mean blood I should not keep the promise."

"The dilemma is neat," responded the professor, with approbation, "but will not excuse your promising."

As he spoke his eye fell on the fatal box. He forgot everything for a minute except his Persian antiquarianism, and he examined the carving and inscription with minute care.

"Ispahani work of the early century, and very fine," he said, at length. "Where did you get it?"

"It was supposed to contain my family history," answered the young man, sadly. "It is not a long one."

As he spoke he handed the professor the sheet of paper.

"It is very strange," said the professor, "that you should have been instructed to learn Persian, and that your box should be a Persian box." As he spoke he looked at the paper. "It has quite a modern water-mark," he said, at length, "and it has been manipulated to give it an appearance of age."

"What do you mean?" asked FitzMallock, eagerly.

The professor, who had examined too many forged manuscripts not to know all the tricks of the trade, explained in detail why he knew that an attempt had been made to impart an appearance of fictitious age to the paper. Then he studied the writing for some time, but never took in the meaning of the words. He was examining them from another point of view. He took out his penknife and scraped the ink.

"I can tell better at home," he said, at length, "after trying this ink with chemicals, but I can say at once that this paper has been in that box perhaps days, perhaps weeks, but not months."

An indefinable hope sprang up in the heart of Clarence, only, however, to disappear on reflection.

"What is the difference," he asked, at length, "whether it was put there yesterday or twenty years ago?"

"If it were placed there lately," said the professor, "it follows that there is somebody living, interested enough in your career to send you that message. Why should that person, whoever he is, try to deceive you in this bungling fashion as to the date at which the paper was placed there, if that message be true?"

Clarence gasped, and fell back. Here indeed was a ray of hope.

"Come," cried the professor, "let us go to my house, and test the age of this ink."

They both started for the door. The old man stopped short. The keen professor had suddenly become the stern father.

"FitzMallock," he cried, "I am an ass, a double distilled ass. Here I am arousing wild hopes in your mind, and actually inviting you to the house which I came here to forbid you to enter. Don't you ever be a father, young man, it's an awful responsibility."

CHAPTER IV.

THE MYSTIC GEM ITSELF.

The old man turned on his heel as he spoke, and his eye fell on the stone that Rose had thrown on the table.

With a cry of surprise he picked it up. Holding it to the light, he examined it carefully; then he turned and said, "Young man, you are full of Persian surprises to-day. This is neither more nor less than a Balass ruby."

He held up the glowing jewel as he spoke. It gleamed in the afternoon sunlight like molten metal.

"See," he cried, as he pointed out the tracery of a beautiful intaglio, "it is priceless; this is the head of a Persian king of a dynasty long gone by. The art is lost; and there are not half a dozen stones like it in the world, and they are well known, and are in the cabinet of the Shah of Persia."

FitzMallock, in great excitement, examined the beautiful stone.

"It must have come from the box," he said at length.

"Must have come?" asked the professor, "didn't you take it out?"

"I haven't seen it before."

"You threw it out without noticing it."

"Impossible," answered FitzMallock. "Hold," he cried, "Rose found it in the brougham, I remember now."

"Then?" cried the professor, looking at him.

"Then the box was opened in the brougham."

"Of course you opened it there."

"I did not."

"Then who did?"

"Impossible, nobody did; the box was not out of my sight; except, that is, for five minutes, while I was in the park."

"If that stone had been in the brougham before you got to the park, how could you have overlooked it?"

"It would have been hardly possible."

"Depend on it, my boy," cried the old man, "that box was rifled in the park."

"There is no other explanation," cried FitzMallock; "the papers have been stolen, and a forged message from the dead has been substituted. Thank God, there is still hope for me."

"It must be so," assented the professor; "there is some strange connection between you and Persia; and somebody has committed a crime to keep you in ignorance of your ancestry."

All FitzMallock's depression was gone now. Active, eager, he was preparing himself already for the conflict with these unseen foes who were endeavouring to rob him of his birthright.

"Don't you see, professor," he cried, "that all this trouble to watch me, and all this risk to rob me, would not have been run, if the results were not worth it. There must be something in my history worth fighting for."

"Your conclusions are reasonable," answered the professor, "and the trouble I can see ahead of you to sift this thing, is going to tax all your energy and perseverance. No ordinary man can have carried out this robbery."

"Whoever he was, he will be sorry before I have finished with him," exclaimed the young man, with an energy that boded ill for the culprit's fate should he be discovered.

"FitzMallock," said the professor kindly, "I am very sorry your period of probation has been extended in this extraordinary way, and I will help you all I can, if anything Persian crops up. We leave now in a few days, and we shall be returning in a year. Long before that time has passed I hope you will have solved this mystery. In the meantime, hard as it may seem to you, remember that neither her mother nor myself can sanction any engagement between you and Rose."

"Surely I may wish her good-bye?"

"Well, that might be arranged; leave it to me," said the kind old gentleman, thinking how he should outwit that placid wife, who was so adamant.

"Thank you so much," cried FitzMallock, "thank God you came in! I might not have seen through all this for a long time."

They shook hands warmly, and FitzMallock was left alone.

He examined the paper once more, and then placed it carefully in his pocket. He put away the box; and he was studying the intaglio as Lascelles entered.

"Well, what luck?" cried the latter cheerily.

"More mystery," said FitzMallock, "see."

"What a wonderful gem!" exclaimed Lascelles, as he looked into its depths of fire.

"A wonderful clue," said the other.

"Clue?——how do you mean?"

"My box was robbed at the Park gate to-day."

FitzMallock started up in surprise and alarm. Lascelles had turned white as a sheet, and sunk almost fainting into a chair.

"My dear boy, what's the matter?" asked FitzMallock.

"Robbed?" repeated Lascelles in a faint voice, "impossible!"

"Sure of it," answered FitzMallock, almost gaily. The reaction of hope after his terrible disappointment had made him almost happy.

"How—how do you know?" asked Lascelles in a strained voice as he bent eagerly towards his companion.

"That ruby, Charlie, it wasn't in the brougham when you and I were driving from the City, was it?"

"N-o, I suppose not."

"Suppose not! Do you mean to say you or I would not have seen it. Well! it was there, on the seat, by the side of the box, when I got into the brougham, after three minutes' absence in the park. Oh! there's no getting away from it. That jewel was in the box; that box was opened; that jewel was dropped unnoticed—and it was no ordinary thief that robbed me."

"Whom," whispered Lascelles, "do you suspect?"

"Why, Charlie, you are more upset than I am over this business. Buck up! I shall bring it out all right. The man who opened that box knew what he was going to find. He was looking for papers, not rubies; and he found what he wanted, and left me something in exchange, which is not of the slightest use to me.—Come along."

"Where are you going?" asked Lascelles, apprehensively.

"To start the ball rolling. I am going to see the driver of the brougham."

"Yes, I'll come," said Lascelles, and he followed with the look of a condemned man going to the scaffold.

CHAPTER V.

HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR.

About nine o'clock that evening, Mirza Abdullah was engaged in carefully removing his boots in the hall of a mansion in the upper end of Portland-place. This important operation finished, he stroked his long beard meditatively, and then turned towards the Persian servant who had opened the door to him.

"Is it an auspicious hour, Hajji?" he asked with solicitude.

Hajji pointed mournfully to a cut and bleeding lip.

"His Excellency," he whispered, "may his house prosper, did me the honour to throw his shoe at me."

"Was it meant as a joke?" asked Abdullah.

Hajji came close to him and whispered, "On my head be it, but the Khan is raging. They drove in the park, and the wind lifted the veil of her who has made roast meat of his heart."

"He is a fool who brings a wife among these barbarous English," said Abdullah.

"Barbarians they are," cried Hajji, with such fervour that he split his cut lip; "they wear their boots in the house, and take off their hats. They sit on chairs, and any man may speak to their wives."

"They are fools who trust their wives," cried Abdullah, sententiously.

"Come," cried the servant, "the Khan awaits you."

Abdullah followed him into the drawing-room. All the chairs had been piled on the piano in the corner, and the couches, ottomans and other furniture too heavy to be thus disposed of were huddled together in a heap. If the gracious Lady Torrence, widow of a Lord Mayor of London, could have seen at that moment the lovely home, which she had been induced by a high rental to let to a Persian grandee for three months, she would have been in despair; but she was mercifully spared the knowledge for a little time.

Abdullah waited, standing, for the coming of his august master. From behind the heavy curtains that divided the front from the back drawing-room, he could hear the sound of his Excellency's voice in angry expostulation, and there came to him also the faint whispers of a soft pleading tone. Abdullah was much disturbed that the dreadful English houses were so built that there was no place in which a gentleman could correct his wife without the danger of being overheard, for well he knew how soundly the bastinado would be applied to his own feet should his master suspect that he had overheard any of the secrets of the anderun—for so the Persians call the harem. "Bismillah!" he said to himself, "it is well that I have with me, that which will put him in good humour."

It was some time before his Excellency entered. When he came Abdullah bowed low. He took his seat on the upper end of the thick carpet, motioned Abdullah to take a place below him, and clapped his hand for Hajji. Abdullah took his seat with great care on that precise spot on the carpet to which his social rank entitled him, tucked his feet out of sight under his legs, and carefully covered his limbs with the skirts of his long coat, that these indecent members should not be seen.

His Excellency was dressed as a European, except that on his head he wore the kolah, or rounded Persian hat. He was perhaps thirty years of age, but on his face was an expression of dissipation, and heavy lines indicated unbridled self-indulgence. He was very dark, and clean shaven except for a black moustache. When Hajji entered with the lighted water pipe, his Excellency took a few whiffs, and then sent the pipe to the other, who also indulged in some puffs. Then the couple were ready for business.

"May I be your sacrifice, Excellency," said Abdullah, "but I can get the papers."

He spoke in Persian, as his Master knew no English.

His Excellency's eyes sparkled, as he reached out his hand.

The other affected not to see this gesture, as he casually remarked with a tremendous sigh, "But at what a cost!"

"Cost?" cried the Khan, as he looked angrily at his companion. "Am I made of money that you shower it about?"

"This is not a cheap country, Excellency. I promised to pay the young doctor five hundred pounds."

"Five hundred devils!" cried the angry man; "whose dog am I that I should squander fortunes on you and him?"

"Oh, Companion of Honour," answered the imperturbable Abdullah, "it is not here as in our great country, where a thief may be bought for coppers. The young doctor was hard to persuade."

"Bah! what a nation," ejaculated his Excellency with supreme disgust, "here, take three hundred pounds and go and get the papers."

"On my head be it," answered Abdullah; "but that cannot be."

"Oh, son of a burnt father," cried the Grandee angrily, "thou art a liar and a usurer. Here, four hundred pounds——"

Abdullah shrugged his shoulders, and signified a polite negative.

"I will not pay a farthing more," shouted his Excellency.

"That is well, your Excellency," was the calm response, "we shall not let these English dogs rob us—we shall go back quietly, and leave the papers—and the girl."

"The girl—yes, what about the girl? Does the old fool bite?"

"He is hooked, Excellency, and his foolish wife, and the lovely maiden. Yes, they will all go. I have seen him again to-day, and given him the money—it is settled."

Abdullah turned and listened. He was certain that he heard a faint sigh from behind the curtain. He watched it as he continued. "She is more beautiful than ever. Her eyes are those of a stag, her waist is a cypress tree, and her face is brighter than the moon."

His Excellency's eyes glistened, and Abdullah smiled within himself, for he saw that the silken curtain was clutched by the listener within. If his master's infatuation for this English girl continued, and they were successful in luring her to Persia, Abdullah saw the makings of a very pretty tragedy. His Excellency's wife, for so far he had only one, was not of the sort to put up with a rival without a protest; and that protest would probably take the form of the poisoned cup.

"I would speak to her Abdullah—go and bring her here."

Abdullah smiled.

"Your Excellency forgets that we are not in the land of the Lion and Sun," he said, "and what you desire is impossible. It will be dangerous even in Persia, these English are so foolish about their women. They allow everybody to see their faces; but if anybody steals one away, by Allah! there is a volcano on fire—as though there were not plenty of women in the world."

"You are right, Abdullah, I may not speak to her here. I will wait, but my heart burns within me for the beautiful charmer. Here, take the five hundred pounds, and bring me the papers."

So saying he handed the amount in notes to Abdullah who carefully counted them, and then placed them in his wallet. He then took from his pocket a packet, and handed them to the other.

"Dog!" cried his Excellency angrily, "you have them there?"

"I have," answered the other drily, "but it was a cash transaction."

"I will take the money from you ere you leave the house."

"Your Excellency has need of me in the other matter," said Abdullah, bowing low. "Without me the girl, who is as water in the desert to your heart, will be seen of you no more. She is beautiful; on my eyes, how beautiful! You have seen her only once from afar, but near by she is as the antelope of grace, and beautiful as the orange rose of Nishapur. Her voice is the voice of the nightingale when she calls to her mate——"

"Yes, yes," interrupted the fat and amorous Persian, "she is more lovely than a houri. My beautiful bird of paradise shall fold her wings in my palace, and then, then, Abdullah, we will clip them, and she will fly no more."

Poor Rose, at home weeping bitterly at the approaching separation from her beloved, little thought what fires she had lighted in the breast of one she had never seen nor heard of, and what fate awaited her in that far-off land of nightingales and roses.

"Your Excellency," said Abdullah, after silence had for a moment supervened on his Excellency's rhapsody, "they are going shortly. I have made final arrangements with him to-day."

"You are a faithful servant, Abdullah, and a man of thought and schemes," cried the Khan, in gratitude. "You are a master of intrigues. Your services are nearly over, and great will be your reward."

"Ten years have I been an exile from the land of my birth," said Abdullah solemnly, "and I would see again the white snow of the mountain of Damavand, and the shining dome of the mosque of Kum ere I die."

"You shall go back with me, Abdullah. Your work is finished. For ten years you have watched every footstep of this FitzMallock, and have prepared for this day, which has ended so well. These papers have cost you ten years of your life to recover; they have cost me this secret journey to this detestable land; by Allah! we will all go back together. We will travel with the foolish professor and his starlike daughter."

Abdullah laughed aloud.

"Your Excellency would find that the bird would fly ere she reached the borders of Persia. You are not a patient man, oh, Khan! and they would read your heart."

"You are right, Abdullah; I must wait."

He clapped his hands loudly, and when Hajji answered to the summons he ordered Arrack to be brought. He was not even a good Mussulman, and he enjoyed his spirits with as little compunction as though he had been a Christian.

The Khan now settled himself to the perusal of the papers which had been handed him. He scanned the large seal which fastened the time-worn envelope; but ere he opened the fat packet, his suspicious Oriental eyes were raised in sudden scrutiny at his companion, whom he detected in an attitude of sharp and eager watchfulness.

The Khan laughed lightly.

"This FitzMallock, you say," he asked, "loves our beautiful bird of Paradise?"

"As the nightingale loves the rose."

"And she?"

"He is to her as the shower on a summer noon. Her lips will be parched for the dew of his kisses."

"We will find her other fountains to refresh the desert of her heart," said his Excellency drily. "Await me below, Abdullah."

The old man retired with an obsequious salaam, and the fat young Persian was left alone to peruse the papers which had cost him such time and patience to obtain.

While with knitted brow and exclamations of impatience, he was engaged in deciphering the faded writing, the Persian lady behind the curtains in the next room, of whose eavesdropping her husband had been so contemptuous, was bringing her lips together again and again, in the determined attempt to master and remember the unaccustomed syllables that composed the name of FitzMallock.

"He loves her," she murmured, in musical Persian, "and he shall know."

She sat on a cushion, which in turn rested on the priceless carpet, her bare feet and limbs tucked neatly under her. Her skirts of silk, of which she wore nine, came only to the knees, and spread stiffly out on each side. Her beautiful neck and bosom were in no sense concealed by the upper garment of silken gauze, over which she wore only a little jacket of velvet, embroidered in red and blue. No ballet girl at the Empire would be allowed to appear clothed as lightly as was this Persian lady, and yet she was dressed in the ordinary house-dress of her sex at home. But, then, no man sees her, save her husband.

The lady Leua's eyebrows and long curling lashes were heavy with blue-black indigo, and the great dark eyes looked twice as large again, for the edge of the lids and the corners were deeply tinged with kuhl, which is neither more nor less than powdered oxide of antimony.

She had been married for two years, and she was nearly seventeen now. Her husband not three months before had loved her enough to comply with her eager request that she be taken to England with him; but she had drooped in the inhospitable climate, and she knew that he was growing cold. He even taunted her with his passion for the English girl, and did not take the trouble to conceal his nefarious plans. In what way could a Persian wife interfere with the intrigues of her lord and master?

"Abdullah!"

She heard her husband's loud call from the next room. She went to the curtain and listened. She heard the old man enter.

"Abdullah," cried the Khan, in a passionate voice, "there is more here than I thought. This FitzMallock must die!"

(To be continued.)

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It was a happy thought of the Haymarket management to get Mr. Caton Woodville to make a series of drawings for their souvenir of "The Second in Command." The portraits are excellent, and the production as artistic as the play.

Curious that from the "Times," that journalistic "well of English undefiled," should come the severest attempt to Americanise our language that has ever been made on this side of the Atlantic. "The New Century Dictionary," issued by the "Times," is characteristically American, and strange to say, the "Standard's" "International Library of Famous Literature" adopts many curious methods of American spelling, not to mention a few mistakes that should hardly have passed the editor, Dr. Richard Garnett, who, by the way, seems to have done a remarkable amount of work since he retired with well-deserved honours from the British Museum. But has he edited the "Standard's" volumes, or is the trail of the American dealer over them all?

"The Bijou Biographies," from the press of Henry J. Drane, Salisbury-sq., are handy, cheap, and clever. "The Marquis of Salisbury," by Edward Salmon, is a close and impartial study of a great subject treated with fairness and care. "Lord Salisbury and the People" is a particularly happy chapter.

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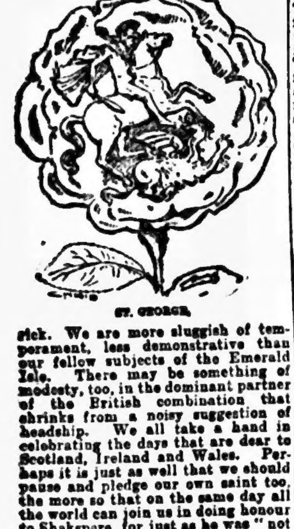


ST. GEORGE.

It was peculiarly fitting that Mr. Gilbert Parker, journalist, novelist, and Member of the British House of Commons, should occupy the chair at the festival dinner of the Society of St. George. He is a Canadian, born in the dominion, and mentally and patriotically endowed with the love and admiration for the parent country that have been manifested with such noble self-denial in our war against the Boer invasion.

Among the guests who supported Mr. Parker on the occasion was Sir James Willcocks, heralded by his splendid Ashanti record. "We may be the least military nation on earth," he said in a happy little speech, "but we are the most warlike," and St George, whose effigy adorns our coinage, fits our Imperial achievements.

It is a notable fact that St. George is also the patron saint of Genoa, and that of all the European nations Italy loves us best; not that any other nation loves us at all, but in politics and diplomacy respect is often as good as love, and a wholesome fear more important still.

"Many happy returns" to the "Express" on its first birthday. It has made few mistakes, but the effort to get up a sensation, not to say political strikes, riots, and heaven knows what over a shilling a ton on the exportation of coal is one of them. The very large increase in exports, of which our contemporary makes so much, is an argument strongly in favour of the new impost. Besides, no paper should wobble At the outset of the hostile and angry "cry" which our contemporary professes to voice, his own columns had made it clear enough that it is time we did something to conserve our coal supply. "And that is just what we are not doing," said the "Express," through one of its expert writers; "we are pouring it out at an even more prodigal rate for the benefit of the foreigner We have certain qualities of coal which have not yet been equalled in quality by anything produced in any other part of the world, and that is just the coal we are sending in increasing quantities to the foreigner to feed his factories and navies."

We have been saying this continually in "The People," and it is odd that we are able to quote similar opinions from the "Express" at the moment when our contemporary is literally screaming against the modest impost of a shilling a ton, not, be it understood, for checking the output, but that the foreigner may be called upon to pay a trifle for the privilege of helping himself from our coal cellars.

As for the demand decreasing on account of so small a charge, that is simply nonsense, a mere selfish contention on the part of the merchant and the middleman, both of whom, as regards the coal supply, might well be relegated to other occupations of greater national usefulness. Lord Londonderry has long since done without the middleman, so far as the coal supply to London from the Londonderry pits is concerned. Why do not owners take their export business into their own hands?

OLD IZAAK.

Thanks to the Thames Angling Preservation Society, the barren swans have been removed from the river between Staines and Isleworth, and will be kept and fed at the society's expense whilst the perch and other fish are spawning. It is also gratifying to know that the society has received a communication from the Lord Chamberlain intimating that by command of the King the number of swans at large will be gradually reduced, until eventually only 100 (less than half the present number) will remain. The Dyers' and Vintners' Companies, who also have swans on the Thames, will, it may be hoped, follow the Royal example.

The protection of the spawn and general preservation of the fishery at this season forms the most costly item of its kind in the society's balance-sheet, and its work deserves well of all anglers. The society's keepers have been busy of late in safeguarding much of the perch spawn by wire netting from the ravages of ducks and other enemies, in ditches and places where it might otherwise have been destroyed. Mr. H. W. Higgins (hon. sec. and hon. treasurer) cannot be accorded too much praise for the practical character of the work accomplished under his régime.

Very few trout have been taken lately from the Thames, but weather prospects are now much more encouraging, and better results almost sure to follow. At Hampton Court, Milbourne reports that weather and water could not be better, and trout are there, but no anglers to try for them. Mr. H. Gomm has had a nice 3lb. fish in the Staines district, and two, scaling 4lb. and 2lb. respectively, have been caught in the neighbourhood of Sunbury, in addition to a few in the upper reaches.

St. George's Day was selected by the Thames Salmon Association for its first experiment in salmon stocking, when 600 vigorous smolts were turned into the river at Teddington Weir. The sprightly fish will now have to fight their way to and from the sea, and if they are but successful a few months at most should see them back again, very largely increased in weight. All were reared at Mr. W. Crosbie Gilbey's hatchery on the Colne, near Uxbridge, and a large company of anglers and others, headed by Mr. W. H. Grenfell, M.P. (chairman of the association), assembled and gave them a hearty send off. Some 8,000 more smolts will be placed very shortly in the upper reaches of the Thames.

The Collingwood Anglers announce their annual dinner and prize distribution, to take place at the Lord Nelson, Nelson-sq., Blackfriars, on Wednesday, May 1, when Mr. J. Jeffery ("Straw Hat") will preside. The Collingwoods do not acknowledge gross weights; give no money prizes, and their standard for weighing in is from one to two inches above that of the Thames.

A most appreciative audience foregathered at the Wisbech Working Men's Institute last week, on the occasion of "Old Izaak's" lantern lecture on "Fishing in the Eastern Counties," ably presided over by Mr. J. F. Gardiner. The entertainment, suggested by Mr. J. B. Bambridge, was held under the auspices of the Izaak Walton and the Institute fishing societies, Messrs. J. E. Copeland and F. W. Hill being joint secretaries. Mr. W. H. Elsmore (V.P. Central Association) and many members and friends of the institute attended. A large number of illustrations were shown. With the exception of trout and chub, all kinds of coarse fish are to be caught near Wisbech in plenty, and large roach are frequently landed. Anglers in search of really good fishing should certainly pay Wisbech a visit, as "Old Izaak" intends doing later on.

From the last report of the Southampton Piscatorial Society, meeting at Scullards' Hotel, Above Bar, Southampton, the society appears to be in a very flourishing condition, and rents some excellent water, as indeed the prize list indicates. It includes two roach, scaling 1lb. 13½oz. and 1lb. 10oz. respectively; a dace of 13oz.; perch of 1¼lb. and 1lb. 6oz.; and pike of 21½lb. and 10lb. each.

Mr. Cecil Lumley ably presided over the 26th annual dinner of the "Silver Trouts," held at their headquarters, the Bedford Head Hotel, Covent Garden, on Tuesday last, supported by Mr. W. G. Fletcher (president), Maj. Browne, Mr. Wilby, Mr. A. Lumley, Mr. W. J. Wade (Central Association), and many well-known anglers. Mr. R. Smith, the society's painstaking secretary, had a capital report to present, and a £5 5s. silver cup, the gift of Mr. Walter Emden, J.P., L.C.C., was among the prizes awarded. A heavy prize list was announced for the ensuing season, and several influential members nominated. Mrs. F. J. Williams, Mr. Barry Lindon, and other talented vocalists, contributed greatly to the evening's enjoyment.

The Ilford and District Piscatorial Society, whose headquarters are at the Red Lion Hotel, Ilford, have succeeded in renting the famous Langford water at Maldon, Essex. The society, although but recently formed, boasts already of 70 members, and such an acquisition as this will further increase its strength and usefulness.

A glittering array of prizes, won in the recent Lee competition, decked the tables at the George and Dragon, St. John-st., Clerkenwell, where the distribution took place on Monday last. Mr. W. Musgrave presided, assisted by Messrs. C. A. Medcalf, S. Malby, C. Watling, and others of the committee, and the arrangements gave general satisfaction.

BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

The additions to the Zoological Society's menagerie during the week ending April 23 include a Brazilian tree-porcupine, a Macague monkey, a raven, two red-headed finches, six Ceylonese terrapins, a blackish sternothere, two red-eared bulbuls, a red-vented bulbul, a Chinese bulbul, a wattled honey-eater, a Chinese white-eye, a black tanager, a Brazilian tanager, a red-headed cardinal, a black-tailed hawfinch, a Brazilian hang-nest, a silky cow-bird, a bay cow-bird, a red-headed marsh-bird, a long-tailed glossy starling, a Chinese mynah, a nutcracker, two black larks, two sulphury tyrants, a Garnett's galago, three Brazilian blue grosbeaks, a diamond python, a red-fronted lemur, a one-wattled cassowary, 18 Indian frogs, three Bungoma river-turtles, a black tortoise, an Indian lizard, a Sambur deer, two Javan peafowl, two peacock pheasants, two Australian sacred ibises, a wild swine, two summer ducks, three dark-green snakes, and two smooth snakes.

As will be seen from the foregoing list, one of the wild swine, that are to be sent to the Zoological Society as a present from the King, has arrived. It is a female, and forms a welcome addition to the collection. The series of pigs now in the Zoo is a very fine one, and include some most interesting specimens:—viz., a pair of babirussas (the wild pig of the Celebes), without a particle of hair on their skin, and with four long tusks curled round towards their eyes; some collared peccaries from South America; some red river-hogs from Western Africa; several good specimens of the wild boar; and a pair of wart hogs from South-eastern Africa, also with huge tusks curling towards their eyes, and with most unhandsome faces.

The herd of swine from which the above-mentioned individual has been taken were introduced into Windsor Park some 20 odd years ago, on the return of the King from his Indian tour. They had a special enclosure set apart for them, and there they increased to such an extent that their numbers had occasionally to be thinned out. Their chief use has been to furnish the "boar's head" for the Royal Household. It is now the King's intention to disperse altogether the present herd, and after one or two menageries have been supplied with specimens the remainder will be shot.

A correspondent of Rosefield-rd., Staines, has sent me the following letter:—"I wonder why writers in the Press nearly always display so much ignorance on the subject of bees. All the yarns about swarms of bees in the City relate really to the escape of bees from insufficiently secured packages. Some 20 years ago I assisted in securing some in a street near Golden-sq., which had escaped from a package on its way to Regent-st. Bees never swarm in April; and after a cold spring, such as we have had, rarely until quite the end of May. You know the old adage: 'A swarm in May is worth a load of hay; a swarm in June is worth a silver spoon; a swarm in July is not worth a fly,' which shows how rarely a swarm comes off in May."

I take it that, as notes on bees have been published by me or by my readers in this column, and, as the above letter was addressed to me, that my correspondent had the contributors' of these notes in his mind's eye when he "wondered why writers in the Press nearly always display so much ignorance on the subject of bees." My innate modesty will not allow me to respond in the one-who-knows sort of style adopted by my correspondent; but I should like to say, on behalf of the readers whose letters have appeared in this column on the subject, that they do not show any lack of knowledge. Because my correspondent assisted in securing a swarm of escaped bees 20 years ago in the City, he most unreasonably assumes that all other swarms in the City are due to the same cause. With regard to the swarming of bees, I may say that my correspondent is unquestionably wrong about the times that this event occurs. From the middle of May to the middle of June is the best period, but sometimes it takes place as early as the first week in April, and as late as the latter end of August.

As I stated last week, the birth of a camel in the Zoological Gardens is a most unusual event, and, as probably a great many of my readers are unacquainted with this animal in its immature form, I have sought the assistance of our artist to make it known to them, and he has kindly supplied the accompanying sketch taken from the specimen in the Zoo. As will be seen, it differs but very little from the adult camel in general appearance, much less than is usually the case between the mother and young of animals; but the humps are not developed, and are, in fact, scarcely discernable. In their places, however, are folds or flaps of loose skin, covered with long hairs hanging over from the middle of the back. The little animal, when I saw it a week ago, was full of life and play, and evidently, from its gambols, in the happiest of moods.

THE YOUNG BACTRIAN CAMEL ENJOYS THE HOT SPELL.

THE ACTOR.

I am a little sorry that Mrs. Langtry opened her new theatre before it was perfectly ready to receive the public. The auditorium appeared, on Monday, to be complete in all respects, and presented a really lovely appearance; but the foyer and the corridors were obviously unfinished, and there was no buffet on the stall or circle level. This gave rather a cheerless air to a première, which otherwise would have been brilliant. The new Imperial should be especially popular in the warm weather. The free use of marble in the auditorium suggests coolness, if it does not actually supply it.

Very notable was the audience at the first night of "The Girl from Up There." The stalls had been so largely added to that there seemed to be hardly any pit at all, and nearly every stallite was a celebrity of some sort. I saw, within a short distance of each other, no fewer than three prima donnas of comic opera—Miss Marie Tempest (with her husband), Miss Florence St. John (with her's), and Miss Geraldine Ulmar, who looked exceedingly well, and whom one would be glad to see upon the boards again. Among the managers present was the genial George Edwardes.

Mr. Seymour Hicks is a young man, and full of the energy of youth. Nevertheless, he should not exert himself too much. I believe I am correct in saying that he is just now not only playing a leading part in "Sweet and Twenty," but appearing also in the little musical play which precedes it in the bill. Anyway, if he did not figure in both pieces on Wednesday I am a Dutchman. In the cast of "You and I" he figured as Mr. Stanley Brett, but, unless Mr. Hicks has a "double," I cannot believe in Mr. "Brett" at all. Perhaps Mr. Hicks came on at an emergency; he certainly worked hard.

I am glad attention has been drawn to Mr. Wyndham's 25 years of management at the Criterion. He is really the "doyen" of our theatrical entrepreneurs. And a very successful manager he has proved himself. How strikingly few have been the absolute failures at the handsome little house in Picaddilly Circus! Mr. Wyndham has always shrewdly gauged the public taste, adapting himself to every change of liking or opinion. He has shown courage as well as shrewdness, for when he revived "David Garrick," perhaps his greatest triumph, he was regarded almost wholly as a light comedian.

Among the pretty young girls who came on in the tea-shop scene in "The Wilderness" is Miss Norah Wallis Lancaster, a daughter of that very able actress, Mrs. Lancaster-Wallis. Miss Lancaster is not only pretty but clever, and I venture to predict for her a very successful stage career. In the coming week she is to play Julia in the Irving Dramatic Club's performance of "The Two Gentlemen of Verona," and that, I believe, will constitute her first appearance in an important part. She has my very best wishes, both for her own sake and for that of her mother, of whom playgoers, nowadays, see far too little.

It was gratifying to see Mr. Ian Robertson making so distinct a hit in "Count Tesma" at the Comedy. Mr. Robertson has for a long time devoted himself mainly to stage-management, a business which does not admit of the simultaneous playing of big parts. Very responsible and anxious is the work of a play-producer—a functionary of whom playgoers, as a rule, reck little. Yet play-producing is a profession in itself, as we see in the notable cases of the late Charles Harris and Mr. Richard Barker. To be a stage-manager is usually to have no chance as an actor; and that is why I am glad that in "Count Tesma" Mr. Robertson has had the opportunity of scoring in both capacities.

WILL WORKMAN.

Last week the author of "Cigarette Papers" said, "I have often wished that some great capitalist would import a community of Dutch folk into Essex for the purpose of redeeming its half-cultivated land into prosperous pastures." That is a good idea, but it would be even better if the capitalist while he was about it, would import a few foreign farmers to show us how they produce the cheap butter, of which we imported over 17 million pounds worth last year, and how to grow the wheat, of which we imported (including flour) over 30 million pounds worth.

Mr. Rider Haggard tells this week of a farmer in Wiltshire who has 30 cows, and whose cowman was leaving, and as he could not get another, he could see nothing for it but to do the milking himself, but if he had been a foreign farmer he would never have had a cowman if he could possibly have done the work himself. Again we are told that the Wiltshire labourer objects to Sunday work, and one of the farmers with a large herd of cows is obliged to bring his three sons home from school in a distant town every Saturday in order that they may milk the cows on Sunday.

But if they had been the sons of a foreign farmer they would not have been away from home at a boarding school, but would have had to milk the cows weekdays as well as Sundays. I am afraid that is what it will have to come to before long. The British farmer, his wife, and his sons and daughters will be obliged to turn to and work as hard as the American and Canadian farmers and their families work, as hard, in fact, as the farmers and their families worked in this country in what some people call the "good old times."

I see on the "Children's Beer Bill," so far as petitions are concerned, the bands of hope and the rest of the teetotal organisations are not having quite such a walk over as they expected. The men of Sheffield sent one in the other night with 36,000 signatures, while 25,000 came from Oldham, 30,000 from Nottingham, all against the bill, and the cry is "still they come," and I trust the Government will realise that these petitions are signed by bona-fide working men in mills and factories, not by children who know no better and temperance cranks and faddists, who are too bigoted to listen to sense and reason.

I think those members of the "Early Closing Association" who attempted to break up the "Traders' defence" meeting on Monday last did their own cause more harm than good. I deeply sympathise with those shop assistants who have to work from eight in the morning till eight or even later at night. But it would be a great injustice to the small shopkeepers, who have no assistants, to compel them to close their shops just when their most profitable period begins, and it would cause great inconvenience to those of the labouring classes who are paid by the day, and do not get their wages till late at night.

Talking about day labourers I see the dispute at the Victoria Docks between over 700 men and the shipping companies has terminated in favour of the men, who are to be taken on at the dock gates as formerly, and not inside the premises as proposed by the shipping federation. I was afraid it was going to be a big affair, for I heard that every preparation had been made to supply the places of the strikers, and it is not a very vital question after all, either to the masters or the men.

PIPER PAN.

Although memorials to dead musicians are plentiful enough, no one has yet taken the initiative in starting one for the late Sir Arthur Sullivan. An endowed cot for the orphan children of musicians, or a hospital bed for sick members of the profession, would be a suitable memorial to a composer whose hand was never closed to his less fortunate brothers and sisters. I learn that many of the past and present artists at the Savoy are hoping to collaborate in establishing a scholarship at one of our principal schools of music in memory of Mr. D'Oyly Carte. There will probably be a special performance at the Savoy in connection with the scheme.

After one short visit to London, M. André Messager, the new Covent Garden manager, has gone to Monte Carlo, whence he will return here in about a week's time, when the chorus will be ready for his rehearsing. The stage arrangements are in the hands of Mr. F. Neilson, who has worked hard for many months, and who fully believes that, owing to the extensive improvements made, he will be able to effect the long-needed revolution in operatic stage management. Mr. Neilson, however, claims, and will no doubt receive, indulgence at the commencement of the season, because of the entire novelty of the stage surroundings. By the way, it is interesting to note that Mr. Neilson wrote the libretto of the first operetta in which charming Miss Alice Nielsen, of the Shaftesbury, first appeared in New York.

By command of the German Emperor an operatic festival is to be held at Wiesbaden from May 15 to May 20. Verdi's "Otello," with mise-en-scene from Milan, and Nicolai's "Merry Wives of Windsor," are the works chosen, and it is said that the latter opera will have costumes of the Elizabethan period designed by the Kaiser himself.

A new choral work will be contributed to the Leeds Musical Festival by Alexander Glazounow, the St. Petersburg composer, who will visit England in the autumn to conduct his composition. He was in London about four years ago, when he conducted his fourth symphony at a Philharmonic concert. The Gloucester Musical Festival programme has also been strengthened by the addition of a new orchestral piece by Mr. W. H. Bell.

M. Paderewski, a short time back, gave a concert for the charitable fund of the St. Cecilia Society, Rome. The president of that body has now presented the famous pianist with a magnificent copy of the Apollo Belvidere, the celebrated statue in the Vatican, in recognition of his kindness.

Orders have been given from the Home District headquarters for the Household troops' bands to commence playing in the parks on Sunday, May 5. The Grenadiers will perform in the Green Park on that evening from six to eight o'clock, and the Life Guards in Hyde Park from 7.30 to 9.30.

The eminent contralto singer, Mdme. Enriquez, had a busy time Good Friday week. She sang at no less than six concerts, and at each of them her splendid sympathetic voice and expressive singing gained her warm encores, her rendering of "Angus Macdonald" being awarded the unusual honour of a double encore on several occasions.

Madame Adelina Patti is staying in Paris for the purpose of giving her services in aid of a charity. The famous "diva," in an interview, repeated her often-expressed opinion that she owes the present power and freshness of her voice to the fact that she has never over-exerted her vocal chords.

Among the new subscribers to the Royal Opera are Lords Londesborough, Dudley, Rosebery, Bath, Tweeddale, Lonsdale, Harewood, Derby, and Gosford, and the Duke of Beaufort, Lady Dorchester, and Mr. J. Pierpont-Morgan have also secured boxes. Operatic matinées are projected during the forthcoming season, but they will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

MR. WHEELER.

Whew—76deg.! and a week ago it was snowing hard in Derbyshire and Lancashire. What though meteorological experts prophesy a speedy break up of the sunshine and dry weather—the cyclist makes his hay while the sun shines. Laid up with a damaged limb, I find myself envious of my busy brethren of the wheel, who tell me that the out-running roads from town have been in almost perfect condition this week—their surfaces being only spoilt here and there by the over-zealous water-cart fiend. The riding season has opened well for cyclists in general, as the brethren say, but not for me in particular.

"When little is done," once said Lord Beaconsfield, "little is said." No doubt that is as it should be, but what of the penman who must say much and is unable to do even a little? Why there remains one's own imagination, the voluminous columns of the penny and the ha'penny daily Press, and last, but by no manner of means least, a little batch of letters from my "People" friends. Let us not speak of making bricks without straw.

Imagination can lead one anywhere; its wings are fleeter than the fastest wheel that ever a man bestrode. As the sun beats down on one's window in London and the mercury is creeping steadily up to the neighbourhood of 80, one feels that one breath of the air that sweeps the Hind Head or a glimpse of the sea from Hassocks or the Lewis downs would be a thousand times more welcome than a sparkling bottle of the rarest wine of France, even though this came hidden in a pail of ice.

Then the daily papers. I find at once a wealth of cycling news in three striking headlines. They run this wise: "Bicycling across Africa," "A Fatal Cycling Accident," "Cycling Instructor as a Co-respondent." The cyclist who has walked and cycled from Mombasa across the Dark Continent via Uganda and the Upper Nile is Mr. J. A. Bailey. The journey was undertaken with a view to ascertaining the conditions of transport by this route and the practicability of its adoption as a means of communication between British Equatorial Africa and Egypt.

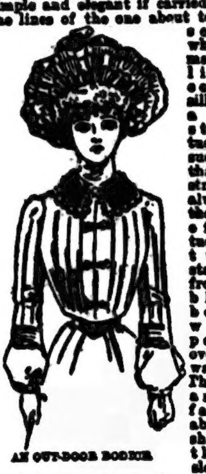
The ubiquitous Reuter interviewed the intrepid wheelman, who mentioned that though everyone advised him not to risk a bicycle through such country, he nevertheless found his machine most useful. The machine, I read, was an object of the greatest interest to Europeans and natives alike. The latter for the most part regarded the machine with awe and fled on its approach. At one village one naked Bari warrior (no doubt a bit of a philosopher and a mocker of his village gods) desired to ride the dreaded thing. Mr. Bailey gave him a lesson, while the whole village turned out and wondered. One can imagine that that nigger will in future accept, with an indifferent sense of superiority, all the sweets of hero worship, just as the local cycling champions of our English villages do. It is interesting to note that the track along which Mr. Bailey rode was a native path about one foot wide. While the country is described as being extremely prolific of great thorn bushes, only four punctures occurred during the whole journey. Marvellous to say there is no mention yet of the make of the tyres!

The remainder of my theme provided by the daily Press runs from gay to grave. The terrible accident which occurred to a young lady cyclist in the Holloway-road is deeply to be regretted. It is yet another case of tyres skidding on the greasy London roads. It is all too easy to draw homilies upon the dangers of cycling in crowded London streets. So long as bicycles are made so long will cyclists use the London streets in order to get about their business cheaply and quickly. Our pastime, like the sea, claims its victims. A million save their money and expedite their business while one pays the penalty of the risks we all run. Everyone will sympathise most deeply with the relations of this unfortunate lady; how many will, however, take the trouble to agitate for more rational methods of watering stone sets and tram-lines?

And now a word to those who have written to condole with me on a broken ankle-bone. I will answer in a couple of words to "J. B. T.," for he not only sympathises, but writes me an essay on how to avoid side-slipping. I hope to be awheel again soon, and I emphatically deny the soft impeachment made by him and others that in future this column will be headed "Mr. Motorist."

MADAME.

An out-door bodice can be at once simple and elegant if carried out on the lines of the one about to be described, which is made in a light-coloured silk, with a dark stripe, tucked in such a way that the stripe is always on the inside of the tuck. The tucks stand off from the blouse bodice, which pouches over the waistband. The sleeves are the fashionable bell-shape, and the over-sleeve is tucked throughout to match the bodice; while the under-sleeve is composed of silk to match the stripe in the silk. A broad turn-down collar also corresponds with the stripe in colour, and is edged with loops of braid, and machine-stitched loops of braid form the fastening down the front.

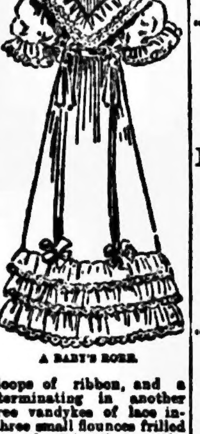


AN OUT-DOOR BODICE.

A sudden heat wave has overtaken us. It came, luckily enough, after the national mourning was over, else we would not even have had the doubtful comfort of resorting to last year's finery. Of course, the heat has found us totally unprovided, and the dressmakers are beside themselves trying to get light dresses ready at a moment's notice. We can once more indulge in colours, and wear the rose-reds and turquoise or sky-blue that we love so well—a sky-blue that we regard as our own particular colour, because we know so well how it brings out the colour of eyes more blue than grey. Pink and blue we may lay claim to once more, and the greens and yellows that are so becoming to hazel eyes, not to mention all the soft minor shades of every colour in the rainbow.

The choice in new colours and materials this season is more varied than ever before. There are many novelties, too, in styles for both street and indoor wear. The coatee, or new blouse-shaped bolero, is the ideal spring garment, and is chiefly fashioned of tucked glacé silk, with fancy revers or a round, wide collar, covered in point lace, while a bow of white tulle, tied at the side of the chin, gives an added touch of smartness. These boleros are being worn with either cloth or silk skirts, and later on they will be copied in white glacé silk, and worn with white serge skirts. I have already seen a Paris model of this description, the first of its kind sent over here, and it was at once so elegant and so simple. The skirt was strapped with three graduated bands of washing silk, and the coatee had a tucked bodice and sleeves and long turned-back revers of plain silk appliqué, with large flowers in bright-coloured cretonne. The revers were frilled with accordion-pleated silk. Shoulder capes will divide honours with the coatee throughout the spring. They are more easily thrown on and off, and do not crush one's silk shirt or blouse, so that they are always a useful investment. Neck ruffles, composed of glacé silk shot in different colours, such as blue and green, blue and red, red and green, apricot and pink, etc., will be much worn. The silk is cut on the cross, ruffled up in the middle, and the edges are bordered with chenille, while each end of the ruffle is finished off with a number of long hanging ends of chenille.

The robe depicted in our illustration is for baby's best wear. It may be fashioned in lawn, cambric, or nainsook. Fine cashmere would also be suitable. It is made with a tucked, pointed yoke, from which fall two flounces edged with with a frill of lace. Two bows of ribbon are arranged on the shoulders, and ribbon also encircles the short waist, finished with a rosette on either side, from which depend two loops of ribbon, and a long end terminating in another rosette. Three vandykes of lace insertion and three small flounces frilled with lace form the trimming on the skirt of the robe. The little bodice has short puff sleeves.



A BABY'S ROBE.

Skirts will be worn very much flounced and frilled round the feet, and the ones that are plainer in this respect will have seams very much trimmed. In some cases the seams will not be joined together at all, but will be machined down on either side over silk contrasting in colour with the material used for the skirt. Others will be united by a silk lace or narrow ribbon passed through eyelet holes and lacing up the seam from hem to waist. Another style is for the seams to be buttoned or strapped together. Lighter skirts have the seams joined by means of lengthwise lines of lace insertion or crossway bars of lace.

For coming spring wear the silk warp taffeta poplins are very smart and soft, and are sold in a variety of shades in double width material, while the all-wool taffetas and poplins are, perhaps, more suitable for present needs. Both they and the satin and crepoline cloths are being shown in all the latest colours. Among the silks the most attractive are the chiné and flowered patterns. Very pretty, too, are the new glacé silks with narrow stripes of brocaded ribbon. The foulard silks and cottons, French printed muslins, Organdie muslins, and mercerised sateens are well worth notice. Blouses and dresses of coloured costume linen are being trimmed with plaids in self colour and white. Plaids are altogether very popular as trimming and tartan silks appear on cloth costumes in the form piping or strapping. Petticoats are also being frilled with tartan silks, and many en-tout-cas have plaid borders.

Millinery will be simple rather than elaborate this season, and floral hats and especially toques will be greatly in fashion. Toques with brims of shaded pink hyacinths closely set together will have stems of white Roman hyacinths as their sole trimming. Lace will be much used for entirely draping small hats, and will be threaded with one or two rows of rather wide velvet ribbon in a bright colour, such as orange, emerald, turquoise or crimson. Rosettes of chiffon are being sold ready made-up and spangled with gold sequins. There are some very smart white feathers with gilded quills and flecked with large irregular gold spots.

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4. Back width, [illegible]		12. Skirt, back	
5. Chest		13. Hip, round	
6. Back length, collar to waist		14. Centre waist, front, over shoulder to centre waist, back	
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At Tottenham, Charlotte Sculfer, 40, a married woman, of Brunswick-rd., S. Tottenham, was further charged with attempting to commit suicide by cutting her throat with a knife on Friday last. The evidence given on the previous occasion showed that on April 11 prisoner's son disappeared, and she was much upset. A few days later she received an anonymous letter, in a black-bordered envelope, informing her that the lad was dead. This so preyed on her mind that she became melancholic, and on Friday she was found in the kitchen with her throat cut.

THE SON WAS WELL.

The same day information reached the father that the son had enlisted in the 7th Royal Fusiliers, and was quite well. The lad was sent for, and taken to his mother at Holloway Gaol, but she failed to recognise him. A certificate was now sent to the court from the prison doctor that the woman was insane, and she was discharged, and the police conveyed her to the Union, where she will be detained as a lunatic.

ERRAND-BOY TO MILLIONAIRE

The death was announced on Thursday of Mr. T. R. Roberts, the well-known draper, of Upper-st., Islington. He died at Brighton, aged 63. His life is a veritable romance of the Dick Whittington type. He and his brother, J. R. Roberts, tired of the humdrum of country life, came to London as mere boys without a penny between them. By sheer industry and perseverance they became millionaires. They both obtained berths in a North London drapery establishment as errand-boys at 8s. a week. Their positions were bettered by an appreciative employer, and in the course of time they were able to open a very small drapery business in Upper-st., Islington. From this small start rose the immense establishments which bear their names, and from which it is reported they have made a clear £1,000,000 each. In the whole of their business career neither borrowed a penny piece, and until the accounts became unwieldy everything was paid for to the hour in hard cash.

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RHUBARB WINE.—Cut the rhubarb stalks, and when slightly bruised, weigh them into your tub, and to every 5lb. of rhubarb add one gallon of cold water. Allow the whole to stand in the tub for three days, stirring it up well two or three times every day; then press out the juice and strain through a sieve, and to every gallon of liquor add 3½lb. of loaf sugar, stirring well. When the sugar has quite melted—but on no account before—put the wine into a cask, and be very careful to keep the cask filled up continually, so that the scum that rises may work out at the bung-hole. For this purpose you must be sure to prepare more wine than will fill your cask or casks, as the case may be, the overplus being reserved for making good that which works out at the bung-hole. Never do the filling up with water, using water even partially for the filling is a constant cause of the spoiling or often of the total loss of the whole. When the wine has done working, bung up the cask, having suspended from the bung a muslin bag containing from an ounce and a half to two ounces of isinglass to every fifteen gallons of wine, or in that proportion. In six months it will be fit to bottle. The bottles should be sound and strong with good corks, which should be wired down. Let them stand upright for the first month, then lay, say, four or five of them down on the side to test for a week, and, if none burst, all may be laid down; but, if there is even one burst bottle during the test week, it is safest to let them stand upright for another week, and then try again. If you cask in a barrel containing more than 15 gallons, you must let the wine lie longer before bottling it. A four-and-a-half gallon cask is the smallest size in which you can hope to turn out a really good wine.

SCOURING BALLS FOR REMOVING GREASE FROM COAT COLLARS, ETC.—Take of soft soap and Fuller's earth equal parts, beat the two ingredients up well with a little oil of turpentine, adding a little essence of lemon. When well beaten together roll or mould the mass into conveniently-sized balls or cakes, and cover with tinfoil. The portion of the garment from whence the shiny appearance or grease is to be removed must be moistened with a little water then rubbed with the ball, or sometimes the ball is dipped in the water in place of wetting the garment; either way answers, but wetting the garment is generally best. After the ball, or "soap," as it is sometimes called, is rubbed in, it should, as a rule, be allowed to remain on the place till nearly dry, but this is regulated by what you have to remove. It should then be rubbed with a little warm water and a brush, or with a damp piece of woollen cloth, and afterwards rinsed or sponged to remove the dust left by the cleanser, and finally rubbed dry and smoothed off with a piece of dry cloth or brush.

MACAROONS. — Ground sweet almonds, 1lb.; castor sugar, 2½lb.; 11 whites of eggs. Put the mixture into a convenient-sized basin, and well beat it up with a wooden spoon for about three-quarters of an hour, when its condition should be that of a light smooth paste. Place some of this in a confectioner's forcing-bag, and run it out through the pipe of the bag on to wafer paper placed upon a tin. Have some sweet almonds blanched, cut them lengthways in slices, place two or three pieces on each macaroon, and bake in a cool oven. When they are on the paper, before you put them in the oven, dust them lightly over with fine sugar through a wire sieve. Macaroons depend greatly on the quality and freshness of the eggs used, it is therefore necessary to try a few before baking the whole batch, therefore, run out only three or four from the forcing bag at first and bake them. If you find these "flow" out in the oven too flat add a little more of the ground almond, beating them up well, but on the contrary, if you find them too firm and with a rough surface, add another white of egg, beating it into mass for five or six minutes. The proper bags to use are made of bullock's bladder, and should be scraped not washed, after use. The size of the pipe or tube of the bag should be three quarters of an inch.

MOUNTING PHOTOGRAPHS.—Various mountants are used; I prefer one made of gelatine. Trim the photographs according to the size and appearance you wish to preserve, then put the print into a basin of warm water, let them soak quite through, then remove each one required to a sheet of white blotting paper, and with another sheet of blotting paper remove all surface water from both sides of the print, brush over the card on the page of the album as the case may be with some of the warm melted mountant, and lay the damp photograph at once over the cemented surface as it dries fast. Have ready a clean soft linen rag and a cup of warm water. Dip the rag in the water, squeeze it out, and working from the middle to the edges flatten down the photograph into its place gently but firmly, removing all air bubbles as you go, then lay a smooth sheet of white paper over the face of the photograph and with an india-rubber roller or squeegee, as it is called, further press down the picture from centre to the sides, lift off the white paper and with the soft damp rag at once wipe off all surplus cement that has been forced out at the edges by the squeegee. All this performance to be successful should be carried out gently, firmly, and quickly. Have a place ready for pressing before you begin, and lay a piece of smooth white blotting paper, which must be larger than the picture every way, under the page containing the photograph and another sheet of blotting paper over the photograph, shut the album and lay heavy books over it, and proceed to the next page, and so on, using plenty of blotting paper. In a few hours after you have done the last print take the album out of the press and remove the sheets of blotting-paper, now damp, and replace them with dry sheets, and as quickly as possible place the album again under pressure. The pressure and the blotting paper if properly done together help one another to dry and absorb the moisture evenly, thus preventing "wrinkling," an unsightly appearance so often complained of. Continue to change the damp for dry blotting paper, and keep up the pressure as long as there is any damp to be removed.

Earl Roberts arrived at Weybridge yesterday on a brief visit to Mr. Locke King, of Brooklands House.

"GARLANDING."

A PRETTY MAY-DAY CUSTOM.

Garlanding on May Day is a pretty village custom familiar in the home counties, more especially, perhaps, in Hertfordshire and Bucks. The garland consists of a wreath or huge bouquet of spring flowers, and is occasionally tastefully wired and tied with ribbons. Usually two children carry the garland suspended from a bough, and sometimes the little girl of the party adds her best doll by way of centrepiece. According to their own confession, the flowers should be gathered only on May morning, but they are frequently limp with the certainty of an overnight plucking.

The tiny ones, in their best pinafores and rosiest faces, travel from door to door of their village with their floral trophy, and at each stopping-place pipe their quaint little chant of two or three verses; and they will add the information, if desired, that they expect "largesse" for their efforts. The survival of that old word is noteworthy in this connection. A halfpenny will suffice the chits; a penny is beyond their wildest hopes; but, whatever the contribution may be, it is carefully divided, and goes to buy an extra ribbon or two, or a smart new pinafore. Garlanding is interesting as being all that is left in English country life of the old-time May-Day revels, the May Queen, and Jack-in-the-Green.

The Queen of the May.

The garlanding verses are quaint but vigorous, giving evidence of the pen of the rustic poet. They vary slightly in different localities, but the following is the usual version:—

To-day begins the merry month of May,
The glad time of the year;
Awake, awake, ye people, awake,
Awake, and ye shall hear.
For I have plucked you a branch of May,
And bring it to you here,
And I have come round to your door
To taste of your strong beer;
And if you haven't any strong beer,
I'll be content with small,
And take the goodwill of your house
If you have none at all!
As I've been rambling all the night,
And part of the world to-day,
So now I've come unto your door
To bring you a branch of May.
This branch of May I have brought you,
And at your door I stand,
And if you wish to see this May
I'll hold it in my hand.
A garland! A garland!
A very pretty garland,
As ever you wish to see!
Fit for the King upon his throne,
So please remember me!

It will be noticed that the song is admirably arranged to lead suddenly and unexpectedly to the last line, which, of course, contains the kernel of the whole poem. The reference to "strong beer" at the opening of the verses is evidently an interpolation by father, for the maids who carry the garlands are too young to act upon their own hint.

There is another garlanding song, not quite so common as the foregoing, and cast in a more poetic mould. The verses are artlessly pretty, and may be quoted with advantage at this season:

The summer days are coming,
The blossoms deck the bough;
The bees are gaily humming,
The birds are singing now.
We've got our May-day garlands,
We've crowned our May-day queen,
With coronets of roses,
Satin leaves of brightest green.

The minstrel of the moonlight,
The lovelorn nightingale,
Each sang his month of music
In the green trees of the vale;
And what though he be silent,
As night comes slowly on,
We'll dance upon the greensward
To sweet music of our own!

Altogether a very pretty rural picture, seldom, we fear, carried out quite according to promise!

RICHARD MORTON.

WINDOW SMASHING AND STEALING.

Fredk. Hales, 22, labourer, Victoria House, Commercial-st., E., was charged, on remand, at Clerkenwell, yesterday, with breaking the shop window of No. 111, Guilford-st., St. Pancras, and stealing a bottle of whisky, value 3s. 6d., the property of George Carter. He was further charged with breaking the shop window of No. 123, Gray's Inn-rd., and stealing two tobacco pouches, six cigarette cases, and other property belonging to Elias Romanoff.—Evidence was given by P.C. 476 E that at 3 a.m. on April 19 he heard a crash of breaking glass, and saw prisoner running. He gave chase, and after doubling round many turnings prisoner was secured. He had a bottle of whisky under his coat. The officer took him back to 111, Guilford-st., and found a large stone inside the window. At the station the other property mentioned was found upon Hales, and it was afterwards ascertained that the shop window of 123, Gray's Inn-rd., had been broken, and the articles stolen.—Committed for trial.

LADY CYCLIST KILLED.

Dr. Thomas held an inquest at Islington on Mary R. Ashley, a lady secretary, of Cecil Park, Crouch End, who while riding a cycle in Holloway-rd. was run over and killed by an omnibus.—Miss Ashley said her sister during the last 12 months had ridden a bicycle. She was, however, somewhat nervous and did not venture very far. — Joseph Deames, labourer, stated that as he was standing in Fortnam-rd., Holloway, Miss Ashley attempted to turn the corner, when owing to the stones having been watered the wheels skidded and the lady fell between the horses' hind legs and the wheels of the omnibus, which had just come up on the right side of the road and at an ordinary pace.—Verdict, accidental death.

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VOLUNTEER GOSSIP.

Shooting men who go to Bisley for practice give up a good deal of time and incur considerable expense in the effort to comply with the injunctions of their leaders to become expert military shots, and they are undoubtedly entitled to expect to find the target arrangements made for carrying out the practice by the companies owning the ranges such that neither time nor money may be unnecessarily wasted. The Westminster Q.M., Armourer-sergt. Fulton has written a strong letter of complaint, which has been published in the press, and from personal observations on a very recent occasion at Bisley, I am of opinion that Mr. Fulton understates rather than overstates the grievance. Very frequently the spotting disc tells one tale and the signal given for the score quite another. The other day a marksman of very high repute was constrained to challenge every one of his shots, and several readjustments were made in the series of seven shots, while he was compelled, much against his judgment, to accept the record as six hits and a miss. Mr. Fulton describes the marking as farcical, and the term is not misapplied.

Armourer-sergt. Fulton suggests the proper remedy, namely, better pay, and concludes his letter thus: "Regulars and Militia employed as markers should receive better pay, for marking is very often both trying and monotonous work; a shilling or two more for good marking would be well spent."

A correspondent suggests as a site for a shooting range to take the place of the doomed Ilford range a large tract of Crown lands in Hainault Forest, between Chigwell Row and Hog Hill, to which, he says, Mr. Sinclair, M.P. for Romford, has been for 12 months ineffectually endeavouring to direct the attention of the War Office authorities. "The distance is within 12 miles of the City, with a station of the Great Eastern Railway within one mile. The Volunteers could have there, continues the correspondent, a range of 2,000 yards, with a rising back ground of nearly 300ft., and open country behind of about two miles with no roads or buildings in the line of fire. The ground is at present let at about 15s. per acre, and being a natural range, the cost of making it would be a matter of only a few hundred pounds; and as I believe there has been a grant of some thousands of pounds for this purpose, it is a great pity it is not laid out. After the speech of Earl Spencer in the House of Lords, I cannot understand why the War Office do not make this a first class range to accommodate the whole of the Volunteers and Rifle Clubs in the Home District."

At a recent meeting of the Court of Common Council of the City of London a proposal was made to spend a certain sum of money upon "silvering" the bronze medal which the City Fathers have decided to prepare, to commemorate the C.I.V. expedition to South Africa. The motion was defeated by a large majority, which evidently was of opinion that an honest bronze medal was better than a sham silver one. A very sensible conclusion.

Another remarkable success was on Wednesday achieved by that excellent corps of young soldiers, the 1st Cadet Battalion of the K.R.R., commanded by Col. Freeman Wills. For the sixth time in successive seasons in the classes of the Volunteer Ambulance School of Instruction the leading prizes of the school have been won by the cadets, and the latest contest, which took place at the headquarters of the 19th Middlesex Rifles, was in several ways the most remarkable of the series. Out of nine competing teams, representing six leading metropolitan battalions, two teams of the K.R.R. Cadets stood at the top, the first having 522 points out of a possible 560. The best man of this team, Bugler Mills, was also top of the class with 138 points out of the maximum of 140, but being already a prize winner he had to give place to the next best, who scored 137. He, however, was of the same team, and was therefore similarly debarred. The third man, with 136 points, also belonged to the winning team, and the prize passed on to the next best. He proved to be Corporal Lloyd, of the second cadets team, who scored 135. A London Scottish man, Pte. Munro, having made the same points, the contest was prolonged to settle the tie, and again the cadets scored. The examination was carried out under the direction of the chief instructor of the school, Surg.-col. Giles, Welsh Border Brigade, the following being on the staff of judges:—For drill, Surg.-lieut. Ewens, 1st V.B. Middlesex Regiment; first aid, Surg.-maj. Culver-James, H.A.C., and Lieut. Marrett, Tower Hamlets R.E.; anatomy, Capt. Callender, Civil Service Rifles, and Surg.-lieut. Masters, Electrical Engineers; referee, Surg.-maj. Sleman, Artists; statistical officer, Capt. Kearsley, London Irish.

The 1st Middlesex Engineers propose to give their comrades, who have reached these shores from South Africa, a right cordial welcome. If, as expected, the arrival in London should take place to-day, the returning warriors will be met at the station by their comrades in regimental strength, and will be escorted by them with bands at their head to the headquarters of the Regiment at College-st., Chelsea.

To the Volunteer Medical Staff Corps has fallen the unique honour of being able to point to a Victoria Cross man as a former representative of the Corps. Lieut. Inkson, R.A.M.C. (just gazetted Captain), gained the coveted distinction on that terrible day at Colenso, when Lord Roberts' only son, in trying to emulate his gallant sire, and gain the right to stand by his side among the V.C. heroes, went beyond, and gained a place among the heroes in the British Walhalla. After serving for some years as a Staff-sergt. in the Volunteer Medical Staff Corps, Mr. Inkson entered the Royal Army Medical Corps and in July, 1899, was gazetted Lieutenant in the R.A.M.C., and a few months afterwards he was recommended by Sir Redvers Buller for the V.C., in consequence of his brilliant courage in succouring the wounded. Lieut. Inkson was at a dressing station located in comparative safety in a donga, but when the bearers were unable to perform their task of carrying in the wounded he went out himself, again and again, under the terrible fire from the Boer rifles, and carried wounded men to the shelter of the donga. It was for this splendid work that Lieut. Inkson got his V.C.

Some very interesting statistics were presented to Maj.-gen. Sir H. Trotter on Saturday, the 20th inst., who officiated in place of Gen. Turner at the annual distribution of prizes to the Bloomsbury Rifles. Col. Hardcastle, in his report, said they had gained 385 recruits last year, by far the largest accession since the early days of the Volunteer movement, the total strength being thereby brought up to 1,028. The part taken by the regiment's representatives in the operations in South Africa was a very important one. In the first call to arms 39 of the G.G.B.'s joined the C.I.V. and nine other corps, and in the second call 44 men and an officer had gone to the front, while, as I have before mentioned in this column, they sent 30 men, the North London Brigade Bearer Company, to reinforce overworked R.A.M.C., the officers of which have repeatedly acknowledged the value of the services they have rendered and are still rendering at the base hospitals at Bloemfontein.

Col. Hardcastle announced, as a new element in the next inter-company drill competition, that Maxim gun drill would be included in the test. Every company of the battalion must in consequence have a competent squad of men to work the Maxim, of which one has been supplied to the corps. It is a very great advantage to be able to entrust to any of the companies the working of a machine gun. The effectiveness of a battalion in which that can be done is necessarily greatly enhanced.

The fine shooting weather of the week has been fully utilised at the Metropolitan ranges at Bisley, Staines, Rainham, and Ilford. At Bisley, the utility of the third all-day Saturday shoot of the Middlesex R.A. was much impaired by slowness and inaccuracy of marking (as mentioned in another paragraph), but some very good scores were made. The winners of spoons were:—Class A: Lce.-corpl. Brook, 2nd (South) Middlesex, 91; Pte. Bell, L.R.B., 90. Class B: Pte. Aikman, London Scottish, 88.

Beautiful weather prevailed at Ilford on Wednesday, when the competitions of the North London Rifle Club resumed their rifle and revolver competitions. Colr.-sergt. A. W. Wise, 4th V.B. Essex Regt., completely eclipsed the efforts of other members by a marvellous score of 99 points out of the h.p.s. of 100, in 10 shots each at 500 and 600 yards. Wise fired in the prone position, and at the new N.R.A. targets, with a 20-inch bull's-eye only. The shot-for-shot record of this phenomenal score is as follows:—500 yards (sighter 4), 5555555555—50, 600 yards (sighter 5), 5545555555—49: 99. There were some good scores with the revolver (six shots with the left hand), and the hon. sec. had 36 off the knee at the 7-inch bull at 200 yards with the rifle.

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VOLUNTEER REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

HON. ARTILLERY COMPANY.—Mon, gun drill, fuze setting, laying, and harness fitting, A battery; extended order, fire discipline. Tues, A and B battery gun drill; and fire discipline; N.C.O.'s class. Mon and Tues, riding drill, St. John's Wood Barracks, 6.30. Mon, Morris-tube practice, 6 to 9; School of Arms, 7.30 to 9.

2nd MIDDLESEX ARTILLERY.—Mon, carbine practice, Ilford. Tues, Nos. 6 and 7 Cos' gun drill, 7.15. Wed, Thurs, and Fri, co drill, Cowparade School ground, 7.15. Sat, C.O.'s parade, H.Q., 3; field day order; route march.

1st MIDDLESEX ROYAL ENGINEERS (VOLS.).—Mon, co and batn drill, signalling class, ambulance class, medical inspection of recruits, 8. Tues, engineering, signalling class, recruits' drill, 8; drum and fife and bugle band practice, 8.5. Wed, recruits' drill, and engineering, 8. Thurs, co and recruit drill, 8. Fri, engineering and recruit drill, 8; musketry drill and Morris-tube practice, F and P Cos, 8. Sat, batn drill; parade at H.Q., 3; dress, drill order.

1st LONDON ROYAL ENGINEERS (VOLS.).—Mon, Wed, and Thurs, drill, engineering, Morris-tube practice as detailed; signalling, stretcher drill, harness and wagon cleaning, etc. Sat, C.O.'s parade, 3; bands to attend, dress—drill order. Mounted portion, 3.

EAST LONDON ROYAL ENGINEERS (VOLS.).—Mon, bugle practice, 8.30. Mon, Wed, and Fri, engineering, recruit drill, and signalling class, 8.15. Mon and Wed, Morris-tube practice, 8.0. Tues and Thurs, co, batn, and physical drill, 8.15. Wed, drum and fife, 8.30. Sat, guard of honour, opening of the Military Exhibition at Earl's Court; parade Finsbury Square, 2.30; full dress uniform, tunics, helmets, leggings, and white gloves to be worn. Great Northern Railway Detachment.—Mon, Wed, and Fri, co drill, manual, firing, and sword bayonet exercise, etc., 8.30; morning drills from 10.30 till 1. Tues, Thurs, and Fri, engineering, 8.30. Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri, recruit drill, 8.30. Field Co.—Mon, special field co drill, 8.15. Tues, Thurs, and Fri, mounted men, cleaning and care of harness, waggons, etc., 8.15. Wed, revolver and sword drill for N.C.O.'s and drivers, 8.15.

1st MIDDLESEX VICTORIA AND ST. GEORGE'S (V.R.C.).—Mon, Adjutant's and recruit drill, signallers' practice. Tues and Fri, recruit drill. Wed, no drill. Thurs, C.O.'s parade and recruit drill. Sat, batn parade for classing, all day, Stanmore, march to Willesden, 2, both bands, dress—drill order with leggings; Home District competition, "Daily Telegraph" and Dewar cups at Bisley.

2nd (SOUTH) MIDDLESEX.—Sat, Field Officer's parade, Putney Bridge Station, 3.30; drill order, bugle band, cyclists, signalling, and ambulance sections with parade as such; musketry instruction for recruits, 8.

4th MIDDLESEX.—Tues, co drill, left half batn, 8; Morris-tube, A Co. Fri, co drill, 8; Morris-tube (general). Mon, Wed, and Thurs, recruit drill, 7.30 and 8.30.

5th MIDDLESEX.—Mon, co and cyclists' drill Harrow, 8; cyclists' drill at the School, 8. Tues, batn parade at the School, plain clothes (Col. Allen in command), 8; recruit drill, Harrow, Hendon, and Stanmore, 8. Wed, co drill, Wealdstone and Hendon, 8; recruit drill at the School, 8, and at Edgware, 7.30. Thurs, co drill at the School and Stanmore, 8. Fri, Sergt.-instructor's parade at Harrow Recreation Ground, 8, plain clothes; recruit drill at the School, Hendon, and Stanmore, 8. Sat, club competitions at Runnymede. Musketry—Tues, class firing, Child's Hill, from 9 a.m. Wed, class for trained men at Runnymede, from 1; Thurs, class firing at Stanmore, all day. Sat, regimental rifle club, Bisley, and jewel competition.

LONDON SCOTTISH.—Mon, recruits' parade for fitting equipment, 7; stretcher drill, 7; signallers' practice, 8. Tues, cyclists' drill, 7; signallers' practice, 8. Wed, batn drill, left half batn, 6.30 to 7.30; right half batn, 7.30 to 8.30; Morris practice, 8.30; musketry teams, 8.30; E and N Cos' lectures, 6.30 and 7.30 respectively. Thurs, pipers, drummers, and buglers' practice, 8; T.V. individual practice, Bisley. Fri, A Co extended order drill, 7 to 8; signallers' practice, 8. Sat, "Daily Telegraph" and Dewar Trophy competitions at Bisley and Pirbright; rifle club competition, Bisley.

13th MIDDLESEX.—Mon and Wed, co and recruit drill, Endowed Schools, 8.30. Mon, recruit drill, 1st year, H.Q., 8. Tues and Thurs, signalling class, 7. Wed, recruits, H.Q., 8. Thurs, bugle band, 8.30; Scrubbs, casuals and recruits all day. Fri, co and recruit drill, 7; recruits' musketry practice, H.Q., 6.30 and 7.30. Sat, co and recruit drills, Endowed Schools, 4; A, I, and S Cos, 200 yards, Scrubbs, casuals all day.

LONDON IRISH.—Mon, class firing for F Co. at Runnymede, from 2 till dusk; bugle practice, 8, and cycle drill, 7.30, Somerset House. Tues, Morris-tube, H Co, 7.30. Wed and Fri, Morris-tube for recruits, 7.30. Thurs, all recruits parade at Somerset House, 7.30; N.C.O.'s at same time. Sat, batn parade, in uniform, Somerset House, 5.15, for Hyde Park, both bands, drill order, no braces or rolled coat; class firing at Runnymede, G and K Cos, 9 a.m. till dusk.

17th MIDDLESEX.—Mon, recruit drill only, 8. Wed, batn drill, Albany-st. Barracks, plain clothes, 8. Sat, Runnymede, class firing, B Co; recruit firing, 200 and 400 yards, 2 till dusk.

19th MIDDLESEX.—Co. drill at the Foundling Hospital, 7.15—Mon, A and D Cos; Tues, B and E Cos; Thurs, C and F Cos; Fri, G and H Cos; recruit drill at same time and place. Mon, Morris-tube practice, 8. Sat, C.O.'s parade at the Foundling Hospital, 5.0, in marching order.

21st MIDDLESEX.—Mon, Morris-tube club, 3rd shoot, champion badges, 10 rounds, kneeling, 200 yards, 7. Tues, Wed, and Thurs, recruit drill, H.Q., 8.30. Tues and Thurs, batn and co drill, 8.30, Spa Fields if fine, H.Q. if wet. Sat, classing, Runnymede, T.V., 200, 500, and 600 yards, from 2; sectional practices, L and Cyclist Cos.

CENTRAL LONDON RANGERS.—Mon, Adjutant's parade, 7.45; recruit drill, 7.30. Tues, recruit drill at Rookton.

1st FUSILIERS.—Mon, recruit drill, University, 7.30; co or batn drill, University, 8. Mon and Wed, N.C.O.'s instruction class, H.Q., 7.30. Tues, recruit and co drill, Kensal Rise, 8. Wed, recruit drill University 7.30; co or batn drill, University, 8; Morris-tube musketry instruction for recruits, H.Q., 8. Fri, Morris-tube musketry instruction for recruits, H.Q., 8.

2nd FUSILIERS.—Mon and Tues, squad drill for recruits, Somerset House, plain clothes, 8.30. Mon, signalling drill, H.Q., plain clothes, 8.

3rd FUSILIERS.—Mon, class firing at Stanmore, 9 a.m. till dusk. Tues, batn, co, and recruit drill, 7.30. Wed, Morris-tube practice, H.Q., 7 till 9. Thurs, co and recruit drill, 7.30. Sat, recruit drill, 5.15; class firing, Runnymede Range, Staines, 2 p.m. till dusk; "Daily Telegraph" and Dewar Trophy competition.

LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE.—Mon, Wed, and Fri, recruit drill, 8.30. Tues, machine gun drill, 8.30. Tues and Thurs, co drill, 8.30; signallers, 8.30. Wed, buglers' practice, 7.30. Thurs, machine gun drill, 7. Musketry—Tues, class, B butt; A, B, and D Cos, A butt. Thurs, class, A butt. Fri, recruits, B butt. Sat, class, B butt; collective, A butt.

2nd LONDON.—Drills, etc., at H.Q.—Mon, Nevinson cup competition, 8, dress—drill order without leggings. Tues, recruit drill and Maxim gun drill, 8; Thurs, signallers and stretcher bearers will parade for instruction, 8; physical drill team for Royal Military Tournament, 8.15. Fri, recruit drill, 8. Sat, "Daily Telegraph" and Dewar competitions. Musketry—Mon and Wed, class firing and practice.

3rd LONDON.—Mon, Tues, and Wed, co and recruit drill, 8. Mon, Wed, and Thurs, class firing. Mon, musketry instruction for officers and N.C.O.'s, 7.30. Tues, batn drill, under the adjt., Gray's Inn-square, 8.15. Sat, parade at Portland-road Station, 3.15; dress—drill order with leggings; A band will attend. Special drills—Wed, G Co.

TOWER HAMLETS RIFLE BRIGADE.—Mon, bearer co, signallers, ambulance, 8.15. Tues and Thurs, recruit drill, 7.30; batn, 8.30. Wed, no drill. Fri, cyclists, 8.30; Morris-tube practice, 8 till 10. Sat, batn and recruits, H.Q., 3.30.

2nd TOWER HAMLETS.—Mon, fife and drum band and buglers, 8.15. Tues, left half batn, A to F Cos, 8.30. Wed, brass band, 8.15. Thurs, batn drill, 8.30. Fri, recruit drill, 8.30. Mon and Thurs, stretcher bearers, 8.15. Tues and Thurs, signalling practice, 8.30. Sat, the batn will parade at H.Q., 4.15, for Chingford; dress—drill order with leggings for all ranks, one pouch on the right side, officers Sam Browne belts. Class firing, Ilford, Mon, from 2; Sat, recruits only.

1st SURREY.—Mon, co drill for C Co, 8; recruit drill, 8. Tues, co drill for D Co, 8. Wed, co drill for E Co, 7.30. Thurs, co drill for F Co, 8. Fri, recruits' musketry drills, 8; Morris-tube from 7. Sat, "Daily Telegraph" and Dewar competitions.

3rd WEST SURREY.—Mon and Fri, firing exercise, aiming drill, and Morris tube practice for recruits and signalling, 8; gymnasium, 8. Tues, adjt.'s parade, 8; sergt.-maj.'s class and recruit drill, 8; cycle drill, 8.30; band practice, 8.15. Wed, batn parade, 8; stretcher drill, 8.30. Thurs, drum practice, 8. Fri, sergt.-maj.'s class, 8. Sat, batn parade, 4.30; drill order with leggings; band and drums will attend.

4th WEST SURREY.—Mon, Sergt.-major's parade and recruits, 8. Tues, foot drill for M.I. det, 7.30; drum, fife, and bugle practice, 8.30. Wed, transport instruction, recruits, and signallers, 8; cyclists, 8. Thurs, batn and recruit drill, 8. Fri, class of instruction for N.C.O.'s, 8; ambulance drill, 8. Sat, special drill for B and F Cos and recruits, 3.45.

4th EAST SURREY.—Mon, co drill and co drills F, H, I, K Cos bearer section, and recruit drill, Clapham quarters, 8; recruit drill, Kennington quarters, 8; Morris-tube practice, I Co, 8. Tues, drum, fife, and bugle band practice, Kennington quarters, 8.30.

2nd WEST KENT.—Mon, band practice, signalling class, 8.15. Tues, co drill, 8.15; co drill for D Co at the Goldsmiths' Institute and drill for J Co at the Addey and Stanhope School, 8.15; cyclist drill, 8.15. Wed, recruit drill and signalling class, 8.15. Thurs, co drill, 8.15; drill for stretcher bearer section, 8.30; clothing parade, 8.45. Fri, recruit drill, 8.15; co and recruit drill for D Co at the Goldsmiths' Institute, 8.15; signalling class, 8.15. Sat, class firing, T.V., Milton, 2.

3rd WEST KENT.—Mon, C, D, and E Cos' drill, plain clothes, 8.15. Tues, B and G Cos' drill, plain clothes, 8.15. Wed, F, I, and K Cos' drill, plain clothes, 8.15. Thurs, A and H Cos' drill, plain clothes, 8.15. Tues, Wed, and Thurs, recruit drill, plain clothes, 8.

1st ESSEX.—Mon to Sat, recruit drill, Drill Hall, Hackney, 8.15. Tues, co drill, Hackney Drill Hall, 8.15; drum and fife and bugle practice, 8.

1st K.R.R. CORPS.—Mon, batn drill, Charterhouse, 8; recruits, ambulance, cyclists, and signallers, Guildhall, 8.30; brass band, Finsbury, 8; bugle and fife band practice, Finsbury, 8. Tues, brass and fife and bugle band practice, Finsbury, 8; School of Arms, 8. Wed, D, E, and H Cos' drill, Charterhouse, 8; F (Scottish) Co drill, High School, Newton Road, Bayswater, 8.30; Morris-tube practice at Drill Hall, Finsbury from 6.30; bayonet exercise, 8.30. Thurs, N.C.O.'s class, Finsbury, 7.30; bugle band practice, 8; machine gun drill, 8.30. Fri, A, C, and G Cos' drill, Guildhall, 8.30; recruits, ambulance, cyclists, and signallers, 8.30; brass band practice, Finsbury, 8. Sat, 2nd and 3rd class firing, particulars at H.Q.

VOLUNTEER MEDICAL STAFF CORPS.—Mon, H.Q., recruit drill, 8.15; School of Arms, 8. Tues, H.Q., No. 1 Co, 7 to 9. Wed, H.Q., cyclists and signallers, 7.30; Guildhall, No. 1 Co, 7.30. Thurs, H.Q., recruit drill, 7 to 9. Fri, H.Q., Morris-tube practice, 7.30; H.Q. band practice, 8.

THE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.—Wed, inspection, 7.30; uniform, drill order.

DEATH OF THE BISHOP OF OXFORD.

ONE OF ENGLAND'S GREATEST HISTORIANS.

The greatest authority on English constitutional history since the death of Prof. Freeman, the Right Rev. William Stubbs, Bishop of Oxford, died on Monday. Born in 1825, the late Bishop was educated at Ripon Grammar School and Christ Church, Oxford, where he took a Trinity Fellowship, and was ordained soon afterwards, becoming vicar of Navestock, Essex, in 1850. He was made a resident canon of St. Paul's in 1879, and in 1884 was consecrated to the See of Chester, whence he was transferred four years later to Oxford. His historical distinctions obtained him the Regius Professorship of Modern History at Oxford in 1866, and in 1870 he published his "Select Charters," which

WON THE HIGHEST PRAISE

from Prof. Freeman. His greatest work, however, is "The Constitutional History of England," published in three volumes in 1874, 1875, and 1878. But little of a preacher, D. Stubbs was a High Churchman of the old school, and had few of the qualities which most attract the popular eye, but that his opinion was of considerable weight is shown by the fact that the judgment in the well-known case of the Bishop of Lincoln was drawn up mainly under his advice.

The funeral took place at Cuddesdon on Thursday.

STEPNEY'S NEW BISHOP.

Dr. Winnington Ingram, until recently Suffragan Bishop of Stepney and now Bishop of London, is succeeded by Dr. Cosmo Lang, vicar of Portsea. The appointment has been favourably received in all quarters. Dr. Lang is a moderate churchman, and possesses great powers of organisation. His eloquence should stand him in good stead in pleading for the many poor to be found crowded together in the East-end of London. The Bishop-Elect of London is now at Sandringham paying formal homage to the King. His enthronement will take place at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday.

THE NEW BISHOP OF STEPNEY.

THE SHEERNESS TRAGEDY.

George Lancaster, naval pensioner, 71, was brought up on remand at Sheerness on Thursday on a charge of murdering his wife.—Prisoner looked much brighter than last week, and had an armchair near the court officials during the investigation.—Police-surgeon Curry described the wounds, and said that either of the four wounds on deceased's head would cause instantaneous death. The injuries had evidently been inflicted by a weapon such as the chopper produced.—The axe had blood stains on it. The clothing worn by prisoner showed stains of blood.—Prisoner, who said he did not wish to answer any questions, and reserved his defence, was committed for trial.

ANGLING.

YESTERDAY'S REPORTS.

The Thames is now in excellent condition for trout fishing, and anglers have been rewarded with good sport among trout at many of the upper reaches of the river. The water has a nice colour, and there is a fair stream running. Yesterday's easterly wind was, however, unfavourable. The Lee and its tributaries are in fairly good order, and when trout-fishing will commence on Wednesday many good fish should be caught. The following are the latest reports from the various stations:—

THE THAMES.

HAMPTON COURT.—The water is now in splendid condition. Sport has been quiet, but trout are feeding.

SUNBURY.—Two trout of 4lb. and 2lb. have been landed. The river is in good trim.

SHEPPERTON.—Mr. J. Clapp has taken a nice fish of 4½lb. The river is now at summer level.

STAINES.—Mr. H. Gomm has caught a fish of 3lb., and an angler at Chertsey had one of 3lb. 10oz.

WINDSOR.—Mr. Cecil Howlett took a nice trout of 3½lb. and Mr. A. Brown also caught a small fish, which he returned to the water.

MARLOW.—The water is in good condition for trout fishing. A pretty fish of 4½lb. has been landed by Mr. Hesler.

HENLEY.—Mr. A. E. Hobbs has had a brace scaling respectively 5lb. 13oz., and 2lb. 14oz. The smaller fish was returned to the water.

PANGBOURNE.—The water is in very good condition, but there is a strong stream.

THE LEE.

HODDESDON.—The river is in fair order, though the water is clear. Trout are showing themselves in the pools.

HERTFORD.—The water is now in splendid condition, and the river could not be in better condition for trout fishing.

THE DARENTH.

FARNINGHAM.—Some good sport has been enjoyed, but the fish are very small. The stream is in fair condition.

THE LARK (SUFFOLK).

BARTON MILLS.—Trout have been taken in many parts of the river. The water is in excellent trim.

THE WEEK'S FIXTURES.

(Compiled from the "Fishing Gazette.")

To-day (Sunday).—Blenheim, reading by Mr. A. Denny entitled, "Angling and its Politics: A 20th Century Appeal"; Collingwood, outing to Southend; Izaak Walton, outing to Leigh.

Monday.—Amicable Brothers, A.B.S. visit; Anchor and Hope, lantern lecture by Mr. T. Crampton ("Old Izaak"); Cambridge Heath Brothers, visit; Crown and Buckland, visit.

Tuesday.—Ormonde, supper and distribution; Queen's Piscatorials, distribution.

Wednesday.—Amicable Waltonians, annual dinner; Cambridge Heath Brothers, annual dinner; Collingwood, annual dinner.

Thursday.—Hatcham Bros, annual dinner; Oglander, annual dinner.

It has been decided at Croydon to revive the old custom of beating the bounds, and the process will be gone through on May 13 and 14.

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288, NORTH END-ROAD, FULHAM, S.W.
98, MARKET-STREET, MANCHESTER.
23, MARKET-STREET, BOLTON.
28, GEORGE-STREET, HOVE.

THE STAGE.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.

A gentleman going to a dinner-party at the wrong house, and being received by the hostess as "the man from Blankley's," sent at her order as an extra visitor, to avoid the superstitious occurrence of thirteen at table, is the by no means novel theme of Mr. F. Anstey's farce, described as a play, brought out by Mr. Chas. Hawtrey at the Coventry-st. theatre on Thursday. The guests at this curious gathering of rich and vulgar eccentricities welcome with snobbish adulation the latest arrival to their number on hearing him announced as Lord Strathpeffer, at the same time that the hostess, after covertly rebuking his insolence in daring to assume the title, is wrought to such a feminine fury at his cool rejoinders as results in her denouncing him to the assembled company for what she believes he is, a man hired and sent by the general provider who supplies both the supper and the supernumerary butler who serves it. Of course, this revelation to the party brings with it a violent revulsion of feeling, which turns their fulsome favouring of the stranger into no less violent and extravagant disdain, a sentiment reverting to sycophancy on the disclosure that the mysterious visitor is, after all, not the Man from Blankley's, but the peer he claimed to be. Lord Strathpeffer's reason for lingering in the house out of which he is ordered so contumely is his finding there serving as governess the graceful and refined young girl he had previously met and admired in the home of her friends before their impoverishment.

As soon as the first surprise of the peer's ludicrous mistake with his adverse reception, secretly snubbed by the hostess while openly cringed to by her friends, is over, the humour begins to dwindle, weakened as it is by repetition. But a still deeper fault is that Mr. Charles Hawtrey has so little of what humour there is given him to express. Instead of being the active spirit of the play he is its passive butt, without any ingenious device for improving the occasion by making fun out of his mistake in getting into the wrong house. The fault, of course, lies with the dramatist, not the actor, that all the other characters are individually developed through the strange visitor while his own remains in abeyance as a monotone.

Mr. Henry Kemble in the overdrawn caricature of a vulgar blustering Radical, who loves a lord, played a large part with the breadth and sincerity of a true comedian, and Mr. Aubrey Fitzgerald was highly amusing as a silly and conceited young fool. Miss Fanny Brough's trenchant intensity gave some reality to the vulgar hostess, and Mr. Arthur Playfair was excellent as the hired butler. Eccentric guests besides those mentioned were ably individualised by Messrs. Holman Clark, L. Lyle, D. Wellford, Mesdames M. A. Victor, H. Bartlett, C. Ewell, and Bella Pateman; while a fair and pleasing foil for their vulgar assumptions was seen in the governess as sweetly enacted by Miss Jessie Bateman.

DUKE OF YORK'S.

Mr. Gustave Kerker has made himself quite famous by his "Belle of New York" music, but his work for "The Girl from Up There" is not likely to add anything to his reputation. There is plenty of brass and plenty of dynamic rhythm in his new music, but of engaging melody there is a sorry absence. As to the "book," it is more inane than the usual run of such efforts, although it should be said that Mr. Hugh Morton supplies a thread of story. There is, however, hardly a laugh in a single line. It is to the company and the scenery one has to look for whatever is most attractive in "The Girl from Up There," and perhaps the fact that dainty and fascinating Edna May is "The Girl," is sufficient to secure a large measure of success for Mr. Frohman's latest London venture. While we are free to confess that Miss Edna appealed to us more as the demure and winsome "Belle" than as the young maiden in golden draperies who, although a relic of five centuries ago, has a method and a manner quite up-to-date, it must be stated that the popular young lady is not standing still in her art. There is a growing power in her acting which is welcome; she is not content to merely look pretty. As to her singing her voice has increased in volume, and if she would only control the unpleasant habit of "gaspy" breathing we should like her still better.

For the most amusing moments in the piece, described as "a musical entertainment," Mr. C. T. Aldrich, as a burglar is responsible. We remember him, we think, as a "tramp," and his "turns" on the stage at the Duke of York's are eminently clever and diverting. Messrs. D. Montgomery and Fred Stone, as a couple of grotesque pirates, are vastly entertaining. The dancing of the latter is a revelation. Mr. Harry Davenport and Mr. Farren Soutar are the president and the explorer respectively. They have a good deal to do, but there is little in what they do. Mr. Soutar had a rousing reception on his return to the London stage. The best singer in the company is Miss Virginia Earl who, we understand, has made a big hit in America. The piece is beautifully mounted, and the chorus is as energetic and restless as ever. When will our American friends learn the effect of a little repose?

IMPERIAL.

Time having been given to take note of the handsome new house from the yellow satin stalls and of the golden gryphons forming the frieze of the green silken act-drop, the curtain arose, and the play, founded by the Messrs. Berton upon the historic incident of the French Revolution, of the stolen diamond necklace, started upon its course. The strange story, romantically dramatised by the elder Dumas, as "Le Collier de la Reine," ("The Queen's Necklace"), and so vividly told in a chapter of Carlyle's history, if slowly developed in the new acting version, eventuates in a strong and stirring play.

Except that the hooped skirts, in which Marie Antoinette has come down to us in her contemporary portraits, were absent from her resplendent costumes, Mrs. Langtry, in presence, fairly realised the hapless Queen, who, taken with all the faults of levity and extravagance charged against her by her own mother, Maria Theresa, was more sinned against than sinning. The impersonation was most illusively impressive through the quiet comedy scenes of formal dignity and stateliness; and in the actress's note of tenderness at the moonlight interview on the Trianon Terrace with Count Fersen. When, however, indignant rage was aroused by the Cardinal's accusation, the physical powers of the player fell short of adequate intensity; the withering terms in which the Queen answers and denounces the hoodwinked Churchman and the plotting Countess sounded more like a feminine fight of temper, than a whirlwind of passion, striking awe by the majesty of its scorn. The character of Count Fersen was invested by Mr. Robert Taber with romantic earnestness, giving sincerity to the assumption. Mrs. Cecil Raleigh was again seen as the inevitable adventuress, probably because she disguises herself so well in wickedness. The best side of the humdrum Louis XVI. was well indicated by Mr. Chas. Allan, and Mr. Edmund Maurice did all that was possible with the sketch of the criminal Cardinal de Rohan, by investing him with aristocratic distinction. Miss Lilian Braithwaite had little to do but be personally charming as the Queen's friend and confidante, Countess de Polignac, and Messrs. Thos. Terriss, Fuller Mellish, and Gilbert Farquhar, further assisted to complete a competent cast.

The setting and costumes of the play are highly picturesque in correctly portraying the period just preceding the Revolution. The two most attractive sets are a winter scene in Paris, by Mr. Harker, and the exquisite view of the Trianon Garden at Versailles, by Mr. W. Telbin.

VAUDEVILLE.

That playgoers have not lost their wholesome taste for the pure and simple drama of humanity, if told through a story which so touches their hearts as to beguile them at once of both tears and smiles, was proven by the cordial welcome accorded to Captain Basil Hood's pretty little three-act comedy, bearing a title "Sweet and Twenty," borrowed from a Shakspearean lyric, and brought out by Mr. Charles Frohman at the Vaudeville on Wednesday with gratifying success. Captain Hood is fortunate in his interpreters, chiefly of Joan, by the winsome Miss Ellaline Terriss, who won all hearts by her pleasant artlessness. Mr. Seymour Hicks as Douglas evinced, through his quiet acting, a more true and tender emotional power than he has previously shown, and so made a good contrast to the tacit sullenness of demeanour which cleverly marked the Eustace of Mr. H. Blinn. The kindly congratulations extended to the dramatist, as well as to the players when summoned at the close of the little comedy, augurs well for its enduring success.

SUBURBAN THEATRES.

Playgoers will be glad to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Kendal will shortly return to town to submit their new play, "The Secret Orchard," to a London audience on May 13 at the Grand (Fulham). This will be the third play that Mr. and Mrs. Kendal have produced at the above theatre, the others being "Not Wisely, but too Well" and "The Likeness of the Night." This week, at Fulham, we are to have "New Babylon."

At the Shakespeare Theatre, Clapham, next week, Mrs. Lewis Waller will appear again in "Zaza." To-morrow (Monday) the audience will receive a souvenir portraying Mrs. Waller "at home" and as Zaza.

Miss Kate Rorke, in "A Fool's Paradise," succeeds "Lady Huntworth's Experiment" at the Grand (Islington), so that it can truthfully be said that Mr. Oswald Brand is maintaining the reputation of the North London theatre. Apropos of Mr. Grundy's play, in which slow poisoning of husband by wife is the central motive, it has often been declared that "A Fool's Paradise" was founded on the Maybrick case. As a matter of fact, the play was written and produced before the celebrated trial.

KENNINGTON.

To English audiences the name of Mdlle. Jane May in connection with the play without words conveys pleasant recollections of the time when, as L'Enfant Prodigue, she showed them how "pantomime," in the hands of a clever artiste, is a great art. Since then she has often sought for and found a welcome in London, and this year she comes and brings with her a trio of short plays in which she herself takes a prominent part. The works are slight and trifling little episodes of everyday life, but each affords in its own way plenty of scope for the talents of the versatile French actress, whether it be as a pantomimist, a chanteuse, or as an imitator of well-known actresses. In the latter she is most successful when attempting to portray the personalities of those connected with the French stage. For instance, the imitations of Yvette Guilbert and of Sarah Bernhardt (the latter in 'L'Aiglon') was really excellent, but when the actress attempted to impersonate the dainty movements and tiny voice of Letty Lind the result was not altogether a happy one. As to the triple bill and Mdlle. Jane May's share in it, each of the three characters played by her is an interesting study. In the musical farce, written by herself, "Wanted, a French Maid," she sings in most charming manner a "laughing song." As a curtain-raiser the little play, "The Forlorn Hope," which precedes the musical plays, would be far above the average of its kind. It tells a story of the present war, and is written by Josephine Rae and Thomas Sidney, the latter playing successfully the part of an old butler. He was most ably assisted by Miss Bertha Griffiths, Mr. Edgar Kene, and Mr. Reginald Ellyott. Mention must also be made of Mdlle. Paulette Didier, who plays with Mdlle. Jane May.

METROPOLE.

After a successful run at the Royalty "Mr. and Mrs. Daventry" has been taken on tour, but it remains to be seen whether the play will prove as attractive during its itinerary as it was at its home in the West-End. One of the first of the suburban theatres to book Mrs. Patrick Campbell's company was that presided over by Mr. Mulholland, and although Mrs. Campbell is much missed in the difficult role of Mrs. Daventry, the production is excellent and the caste all that could be desired. Miss Gwendoline Floyd takes the part of Mrs. Daventry, and proves herself a most capable exponent of the character of the woman who is at once the injured wife and the adored of a young lover. Mr. Charles Weir, as Mr. Daventry, the erring husband, is admirable, while Mr. H. R. Hignett renders every justice to the part of the lover, who waits an opportunity. Miss Lilian Collen, as Lady Hallingdon, the friend of Mrs. Daventry, is also very successful. "Mr. and Mrs. Daventry" is preceded by a new one-act play, entitled "Liz's Baby," by Messrs. Richard Pryce and Frederick Fenn. The scene is laid in the living room of a very poor family, and the story turns on the betrayal of Liz (Miss Gwendoline Floyd) by one of her own class, and the offer of the woman who becomes the wife of her lover and then the widow to take over the babe, who remains the living evidence of Liz's disgrace. The spirited girl refuses, and the little play comes to an abrupt conclusion. There is something very unconvincing in the mental attitudes of the two women, and the curtain raiser hardly carries conviction.

MUSIC HALLS.

The Grand (Clapham) bids fair to be the queen of variety temples that lie South. In Mr. Arthur Yates, the manager (a worthy scion of a clever family), we have a gentleman who looks well after the comforts of his patrons. A capital company have occupied the stage during the past week, including those leaders of comedy sketches, Joe Elvin and Mark Melford. The latter has evidently boiled down one of the older dramas that owe their birth to his most prolific hand and brain. Anyway, it results in a most delightful stew, and the meat of it is very tender at times. There are a host of other stars, including Phil Ray. This gentleman's exuberant style is seen at its best in the recitation which follows his song. This latter, we believe, is composed by himself. It is highly amusing, and gives birth to spontaneous and genuine laughter. The song deals in a very broad fashion with the belittling of a lover in comparison with his sweetheart. It serves its purpose, but the song will come along one day which will put Phil Ray in the front ranks, where he deserves to be placed.

PHIL RAY.

Early this week an experiment will be tried at the Hippodrome by Herr Richard Sawade, who is performing there with his lions and tigers. He has just purchased two Bengal tigers, 15 months old, an African lion, and two German boarhounds. As soon as they have become accustomed to the surroundings at the Hippodrome they will be turned into the arena at each performance with the educated troupe, and so gradually trained in view of the public. One is thus promised an opportunity of seeing how wild beasts are reduced to a state of submission.

Congratulations are due to Mr. J. W. Ryde, who has been appointed general manager of the Cambridge Theatre of Varieties. Although a young man, he has had ample experience in matters dramatic and musical, and a practical training in all things behind the footlights. He is the son of Mr. Vernon H. Ryde, the able manager of the Holloway Empire.

By the way, it should be mentioned that after Mr. Vernon Ryde's benefit performance at Holloway the other night he was presented by Mr. Gray, musical director, on behalf of the orchestra, with a handsome silver-mounted silk umbrella, and by Mr. Johnson, assistant-manager, on behalf of the staff, with a Russian leather silver-mounted dressing-case and a leather kit bag from a few friends.

The latest production of the Bioscope at the Royal Aquarium is the football contest of Saturday week, when such an enormous crowd assembled to witness what was believed to be the final struggle for the Cup. The films are remarkably clear, and their interest is not confined to the actual play, for the different expressions of the people as the contest proceeded can be seen, a sight alike amusing and interesting.

There is no doubt that the "two houses nightly" plan of entertainment is growing in popularity. Music-halls where the old system worked but indifferently have found the new scheme much to the liking of their patrons, as witness the success of the venture at the Euston (which, of course, has known no other plan), the New Cross Empire, the Holloway Empire, the Cambridge, and the Stratford Empire. We are not suggesting that "two houses" would do in every hall, but in certain districts the people like their variety programmes short, and like to choose between early and late.

THE OXFORD.

Pleasing innovations are always welcomed by the music-hall goer, and for this reason thanks are due to the management of the Oxford for the engagement of Miss Phyllis Rankin, the charming artist who made so fascinating a Fifi in the "Belle of New York." The catchy melodies which that play contained are still fresh in the memory, and it was a happy idea to introduce some of them into the Oxford programme, thus giving a pleasing freshness to the ordinary run of variety entertainment. Miss Rankin, it is quite evident from her cordial reception, has lost none of her hold on the public, while it is highly enjoyable to once again hear her rendering of the songs which made her so popular. For the purposes of the turn the stage is made to represent one of the scenes in the "Belle of New York," and the "turn" is rendered all the more attractive by the introduction of a small chorus. Miss Rankin's first song on the opening night was "The American Girl," which she sings with all her old "chic," and her second the duet, "When we are married," in which she is ably assisted by Mr. J. Warren Foster. There can be no doubt as to the public approval of the innovation. As to the rest of the programme, it is full of good things. Dan Leno as a keeper at the Zoo and again as a huntsman is as funny as ever, and the same applies to George Robey. Harry Randall is also most entertaining with his laughable dissertations on drink and a breast of mutton. Dolly Harmen, the Great Everhart, Lil Hawthorne, and George Lashwood also contribute, and some good pictures are shown on the biotableaux, the freak pictures being very clever.

"AFFECTIONATE FREDDIE."

"My dear Flossie,—I was pleased to find that you had a bit of love for me, which I hope to return in a manly spirit. Forgetting all our quarrels, dear, good-night. With all my fondest love, your affectionate Freddie." "Affectionate Freddie," whose name is Alfred Yarnald, was fined 40s. for an assault on "Flossie," otherwise Miss Florence Cross, a Gaiety actress, at Birmingham on Thursday, when this letter was read in court. It appears that another quarrel arose, and "Freddie" pulled "Flossie" out of a compartment at New-st. Station and struck her.

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DRAMATIC & MUSICAL GOSSIP.

There is no truth in the report, lately current, that Mr. Lewenfeld will let the new Apollo Theatre for a season to Mr. Martin Harvey.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell will revive Maeterlinck's "Pelleas and Melisande" at the Royalty for a few matinees, commencing on Saturday, May 11.

Mr. Weedon Grossmith is now in possession of the Avenue Theatre, and will produce "The Night of the Party" at that house on Wednesday next, May 1.

The paralysis with which Mr. Robert Buchanan is unhappily stricken is likely, it is said, to put an end to his literary work, though it may be not to his life.

Mr. Frank Curzon's company of "English Nell" will shortly visit all the principal suburban theatres, commencing at the Coronet, Notting Hill, on Monday, April 29.

Should Mr. Tree require any other play but "Twelfth Night" during the current year, which is not probable, he may be seen as Shylock in a revival of "The Merchant of Venice."

"Florodora" goes next week to the Kennington Theatre. Mr. Willie Edouin, by special arrangement, will be seen for this engagement only in his famous part of Anthony Tweedlepunch.

Mr. George Edwardes' Gaiety success, "A Runaway Girl," will be the attraction at the Standard Theatre for the week commencing April 29. Mr. Melville has arranged with Miss Minnie Palmer to produce "My Sweetheart" after this.

Mr. Arthur Lewis has arranged to bring Madame Rejane to London to re-appear at a West-End theatre on June 17. The famous French comedienne will not only repeat her inimitable performance of Madame Sans Gene, but will be seen also in "Sapho" and her newest play, "La Course du Flambeau."

"England's Elizabeth," the new historical drama, dealing with the loves of Elizabeth and Lord Robert Dudley, and written by Judge Parry and Mr. Louis Calvert, is to be given at Manchester on the evening of Monday, April 29. The play has been rehearsed in town, and will be performed by a company recruited wholly from the ranks of London actors. If successful, it is tolerably certain to be transferred to a West-End Theatre at no very remote date.

A STAGE ASIDE.

BELLES OF BOHEMIA QUARREL OVER HATS AND SHOES.

Two Belles of Bohemia were the principal attraction at Westminster Police Court on Friday. Miss Gertrude Titus, who is professionally known as Miss Sylvia Thorne, charged another fair Bohemian, Mrs. George Lawrence, whose stage name is Miss Donkersley, with stealing millinery and wearing apparel to the value of £5.

CAUSE OF THE QUARREL.

The facts were as simple as the plot of the average American musical comedy. Miss Thorne and Miss Donkersley shared a flat in Marlborough Mansions, Victoria-st. They were both enslaving the town at the Apollo Theatre, and they both thought each other just too sweet for words. This feeling of mutual affection, however, changed, according to Miss Thorne, last Tuesday morning, when, during her absence at rehearsal, her room was ransacked and an elegant collection of velvet hats and fancy shoes was stolen.

TAKEN IN MISTAKE.

The loss of these articles was attributed by Miss Thorne to Miss Donkersley; but under cross-examination Miss Thorne admitted that Miss Donkersley had left at the flat personal belongings of far greater value than those that disappeared.—In the end Mr. Sheil decided that the hats and the shoes were taken in mistake, and that Miss Donkersley must be discharged without the faintest cloud of suspicion upon her fair name, whereupon the parties, gathering up their expansive skirts, sailed out of court.

THE POLICEMAN'S LOT.

Members of Sunderland borough police force this week discussed the wages question, and resolved to apply for an advance of 2s. per week for sergeants and constables. At present sergeants commence at 33s., and reach, after 10 years' service, 42s.; while constables start at 25s., and reach 32s.

THE GARDEN.

VIOLETS FOR WINTER FLOWERING.

Those who wish a constant supply of violets in winter should make new plantations now of single crowns obtained from strong cuttings of the side shoots. These cuttings are usually taken off early in autumn and dibbled into a prepared bed in a frame or in boxes. Then when April comes round there are strong plants with robust crowns ready to plant out in a suitable position which has been specially prepared for them by deep digging and manuring. The violet will not flower well in winter unless well cared for during summer. Of course a certain amount of success is obtained by ordinary methods, such as dividing the clumps now, and planting out strong pieces a foot apart, but the crop of flowers will be poor in comparison with the treatment suggested above of striking cuttings of the side shoots in autumn, and growing the plants through the summer as single crowns only. This is the way the violet specialist treats them, and they form a profitable crop in connection with tomatoes. Tomatoes are planted in the houses in April, and they are ready for clearing off in September, and the ground is turned and manured, and the violets moved in with balls. The large, long-stalked flowers are most in demand now, such as Princess of Wales, Admiral Avellam, La France, &c. For open air flowering, an improved form of the Russian answers well. Strong plants of the Czar or the giant, grown as described above, may be moved to the foot of a wall or hedge, when in open weather they will flower freely all the winter.

DWARF KIDNEY BEANS.

The first sowing should be made on a warm, sheltered site, and should be an early variety. The Ne-plus-ultra is one of the best. To follow in succession sow long-podded Negro and Canadian Wonder—the last is the best for main crop. Plant the beans thinly, say about 6in. apart in the rows, and the rows 2ft. apart for dwarf early sorts, and 3ft. for Canadian Wonder and other robust kinds.

WINDOW CONSERVATORIES.

The fact that many people keep plants in fairly good condition in the window conservatories proves that it can be done. A canvas covering fixed temporarily outside in winter when the weather is very cold would be a great help; or if that would be inconvenient, a covering of paper over the plants inside would be the next best thing. The smaller the house the colder it would be when exposed to frost or cold east winds. To keep the plants in good condition, a few minutes every day should be given up to them, in order to remove all dust from the foliage, and dead leaves, if any, from the plants. This would involve taking the plants in pots out of the window and, after sponging the foliage, rearranging them. This would give an opportunity of testing the condition of the soil which contains the roots. When hardy evergreen ferns die in winter there must be something wrong in the conditions to which they are exposed. The advantage of keeping the plants in pots is the facilities offered for sponging foliage and changing their position. If this is not done they would be better planted in soil with a few pieces of sandstone cropping out of the soil upon which club mosses and other creeping plants might trail. The following plants might be grown in a window conservatory in a sunless position. Chamerops, Excelsa, Hardy fan-leaved palm, Dracaena indivisa (species of Australian Dragon tree). These would be in the centre; Cyrtomium falcatum (commonly called Holly fern), Hartstongue (one or more varieties), Pteris cretica major (though this is not hardy, it ought to be easily kept in such a place if sheltered in the way suggested when cold), Adiantum capillus veneris, British maidenhair, Carex japonica variegata (rather a pretty variegated Japanese grass, quite hardy), Pteris albo-lineata (a pretty variegated fern, nearly hardy). Pteris serrulata is also a distinct kind, with longer branching frond than those named above. In spring or summer a flowering plant or two might be introduced; and in winter there are snowdrops, crocuses, Roman hyacinths, and hardy primulas in variety. Small pots of Sedum Sieboldi and Carmen may be suspended from the roof; and this idea may be worked out in different ways. Only bear in mind that very frequent attention is necessary to keep the plants going on right.

DWARF FRENCH AND KIDNEY BEANS

may be planted now in quantity. Draw drills 3in. deep and 2½ft. to 3ft. apart for Canadian Wonder. The small early kinds, such as Ne-plus-ultra, may do 2ft. apart. Plant the beans in the rows from 4in. to 6in. apart.

SALAD PLANTS.

Everybody wishes for salads as soon as the hot weather sets in. Good lettuces are most important, and it is better to make small sowings of approved kinds often rather than sow a large bed, many of which may run to seed and be useless. It is well to sow a few seeds thinly in some cool, shady spot, but not under trees, and when the plants are up thin them to 9in. apart. These will not be so likely to run in hot weather as those which are transplanted. A mulch of short manure among the plants is a great help in dry weather. The leaves of half-starved plants are sure to be tough and bitter, and even if tied up before they are properly blanched they run to seed. Two of the best varieties for sowing now are the white Paris cos. and Wheeler's Tom Thumb cabbage. The last named, though small, has a close white heart, which forms quickly. This is an excellent kind for sowing thinly and left to form hearts where sown after being thinned to 6in. apart.

TURNIP-ROOTED BEET.

This is usually sown in March or early in April for early use, because it is fit for use long before the long-rooted kinds. Dell's Crimson or some other long-rooted kind may be sown now to come in after the turnip-rooted kinds are over. Sow in drills 15in. to 18in. apart and 2in. deep. When large enough thin to 9in.

WINDOW GARDENING.

When a spare room is devoted to geraniums, fuchsias, or other plants for filling the borders in summer, the windows should be opened early in the morning now and remain open all day, and even left open all night if not windy or frosty, to harden the plants ready for going out. More water will be required now, but geraniums will not suffer from drought like other things. ADAM.

GARDENING ANSWERS.

M. G. S.—We have found lawn sand very useful for killing daisies in turf. It is sand chemically prepared, and is sold in the seed and sundry shops in tins. Instructions are on each tin.

W. B. (Bognor).—The plant enclosed is a species of graphalium; scarcely showy enough for a basket. Saxifraga sarmentosa would be better. Eucalyptus citriodora (one of the Australian gum-trees) will grow in a room until it gets too large. It should grow outside in your district. There is a good-sized tree of the species in the grounds of Powderham Castle, Devon. It will scarcely flower in a pot in the room.

W. G. L.—Do not use the leaf-mould till the insects are destroyed. If spread out thinly the birds may pick them out, or it may be placed in the oven, or heat applied in some other way.

Castor Oil.—It is not uncommon for this plant to cast off some of the bottom leaves at the time the new growth starts from the top. Many evergreen plants do this. This defoliation is more decided if the plant has received a check of any kind. There is nothing you can do.

C. A.—There must be some error somewhere. Write him again, and tell him what you are doing. Such things happen sometimes in conducting a large advertising business.

F. J. Russell.—Your flowering shrubs require more nourishment. The chicken manure will be helpful as a top-dressing. Spread it on the surface half an inch thick, and water it in. It may also be used moderately for the flower garden.

Showy Annuals.—Scarlet geraniums, edged with blue lobelias, will make a brave show in the pails on your wall. White marguerites and pink ivy geraniums, the latter hanging over the sides, will also do well. If something cheaper is wanted, plant nasturtiums in separate colours.

Azalia.—Cut them down more, and put in the pieces taken off as cuttings round the side of the pots. Some will probably grow, and make young plants.

Abney Park.—Suckers from lilac bushes are a long time making satisfactory bushes. The best thing to do is to cut them back hard, and give them some good manure as a mulch, spreading a little soil over the manure.

A. J. O.—The best time to take cuttings of syringas or mock orange shrubs is in the autumn, as soon as the leaves change colour. Make the cuttings eight inches long, and take them off with a heel of older wood, and bury them half their length or a little more in the earth in a shady border, and make very firm.

May Tree.—Break up the soil, and add a few inches of fresh soil to give the plants a start. The best things for your purpose are the broad-leaved St. John's wort, hypericum calycinum periwinkles; either the small leaved or the large leaved varieties would soon spread. The common ivy, pegged down, would soon cover the ground, and a few common bulbs planted among the ivy or other plants used, a ground work would give the spot a dressy appearance at a small expense. We would suggest the St. John's Wort should be planted under them, and the periwinkles or ivies, on the site of the sycamore. Water the plants until established.

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"GET OFF THE CAB."

Sheppard then got off and stood on the front step with the document in his hand. Sir Ellis was lying back in the cab, and shouted to him to get off the cab. He replied: "I have to serve you with this notice." Sir Ellis said: "Get off the cab," and immediately struck out with his right foot, kicking Sheppard on the thigh, hurting him. Notwithstanding, he offered him the process, and Sir Ellis struck out again, kicking him on the arm and bruising it. The second kick was a severe one.—Frederick Wilks, the cabman, said when he told Sir Ellis that no one was on the back of the cab, he cried, "You lying scoundrel, what do you mean?" He thought Sir Ellis was going to strike him also. He knew he had no right to have a man on the back of the cab.

SIR ELLIS'S EVIDENCE.

—Sir Ellis gave evidence that he had had no notice from the solicitor that he was going to be served with the document. He had always received notice from other solicitors.—Mr. Plowden: Have you a large familiarity with legal proceedings? — Sir Ellis: I have had a moderate number. The man on the cab might have been an Anarchist or anything. He had no desire to hurt the "creature."—Mr. Plowden: He might have been the bearer of a most charming message.—Sir Ellis: They do not usually come in that way. If he had said he was an officer of the law I should have acted differently.—Mr. Plowden: You did not give him time; you were rather quick.—Mr. Cooper Willis, in defence, said that a technical assault had been committed under a misapprehension, and he desired, on behalf of Sir Ellis, to express regret at the occurrence.

"A TECHNICAL ASSAULT."

—Mr. Plowden said it was admitted that an assault of some kind had been committed, but no physical injury had resulted. Sheppard felt that in his person the "majesty of the law" had been insulted, and on the other hand defendant felt that his own majesty had been insulted. It was like the collision of two rival planets, each moving in its own magnificence. He considered there had been some exaggeration against Sir Ellis in the case, and as to the assault it was little more than a technical one. He should have thought that an apology and explanation out of court would have been sufficient to meet the justice of the affair. There was hardly any one with such self-control that he would not have felt irritated at what occurred, and it would have been better if Sheppard had awaited a more convenient opportunity of serving process.—A fine of 10s. would be imposed, with 2s. costs, the cabman to be deprived of his costs.

A FRIGHTFUL JOKE.

Geo. Wiley, aged 49, a potman at the Nag's Head Inn, Moreton, lately died at Ongar Union Infirmary from terrible burns on face, head, and chest. At the inquest on Thusday, held at Stanford Rivers, Essex, evidence was given that on Easter Monday the Nag's Head tap-room was full of customers. Wiley was sitting before the fire. He had brought in a sack, which smelt very strongly of paraffin, to use as an apron. A customer placed the sack over the potman's head, tied it round his neck with string, and applied a match. Instantly the sack blazed up fiercely, and Wiley fell to the floor. Water was thrown over him, but the flames were not extinguished until the sack had been consumed. Other witnesses called corroborated the details of the occurrence, but were unable to say how the sack caught fire. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and asked the coroner to censure Arthur Knight, who was said to have fired the sack. The coroner told Knight he had narrowly escaped trial for manslaughter. He had not come out of the affair very creditably, for he had declined to give evidence when the opportunity was offered him.

M.P. SENT TO GAOL.

In Dublin the Lord Chief Justice delivered judgment in the Crown prosecution against Mr. Patrick McHugh, M.P. for North Leitrim, and proprietor of the "Sligo Champion" newspaper. The proceedings against him took the form of a criminal information, in which he was charged with having published in the "Sligo Champion" seditious libels, calculated to interfere with the administration of justice and bring it into contempt. The comments complained of referred to a case in which two prisoners, named Muffony and M'Guire, were tried and found guilty at Sligo Winter Assizes of having intimidated persons who had taken evicted farms.—Defendant was sentenced to six calendar months' imprisonment, the Judge remarking that the sentence was lenient, having regard to the nature of the offence. The judge directed accused to be treated as a first-class misdemeanant.

VERY SERIOUS OFFENCE.

At the Old Bailey, Joseph Walker, wholesale butcher, pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with offering a bribe to George Wood, a servant of the Metropolitan Asylums Board.—The Board had invited tenders for meat, and accused offered Wood £3 if Wood would give him a list of the persons tendering.—The Recorder said the offence was a very serious one, and fined Walker £500.

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PUGILIST'S DEATH.

FATAL RESULT OF A FIGHT AT THE N.S.C.

"Billy" Smith, of Philadelphia, U.S.A., the American boxer who was defeated by Jack Roberts, of Drury-lane, at the National Sporting Club, London, on Monday evening, died at the Charing-cross Hospital on Wednesday morning, without ever having fully recovered consciousness. Smith fought a very game fight, but he was clearly overmatched in strength and enduring powers. He was the superior of Roberts in boxing ability, but in spite of his straight left hand he was never able to stop the latter's bull-dog rushes. On coming up for the eighth round Smith "wobbled" a great deal and the impression many good judges derived was that he had sprained an ankle.

TO THE CREDIT OF ROBERTS

be it said that he "stood away" when he found his opponent was getting weak. Roberts is one of the strongest boxers in England, and one of the fairest. The death of "Billy" Smith adds a fourth to the list of fatalities at the National Sporting Club. Walter Croot, Tom Turner, and Mike Reilly were the previous victims. In each case the parties concerned were exonerated, although an appearance had to be made at the Old Bailey in one instance. Monday's match was at 9st., for £100 a-side and a purse of £125. Smith, who has been some time in this country, was employed as steward on board one of the Thames excursion steamers. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the principals—six persons in all. Jack Roberts hardly ever left the hospital after his opponent became ill.

ROBERTS.

POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Ten men stood in the dock at Bow-st. to answer the charge of causing the death of Smith. Jack Roberts, the man who punched Smith out, stood stolid and square-jawed, with one eye badly discoloured, at the end of the row. Mr. Bettinson, one of the prisoners, was the manager of the club; Mr. J. H. Douglas, referee; Mr. E. Corry, timekeeper. The remaining six were seconds, three for each of the contestants.—A police-inspector said that at 1 a.m. on the 23rd he heard that Smith was in Charing-cross Hospital. The inspector saw the house-surgeon, but Smith was unconscious, and too badly hurt to be interviewed. As soon as he heard of the death, warrants were issued. Defendants

AT ONCE SURRENDERED

at Bow-st. On the desk of the court were two pairs of big brown boxing gloves.—"I want some evidence," said Mr. De Rutzen, as he looked at the gloves, "to show that injuries were received by Smith from which death was probable." For this purpose Louis Clarke said he knew a member of the club, and so was present at the fight between Smith and Roberts. He said

EIGHT ROUNDS WERE FOUGHT.

"What happened in the last round?" asked Mr. De Rutzen.—"Oh, nothing much happened. 'Billy' Smith gave way and sank down on his knees on the boards. Then the round ended. A little before that he seemed quite strong. The round lasted about a minute.—Prisoners were remanded on their own recognisances of £100 each.

THE INQUEST OPENED.

At the inquest it came to light that "Billy Smith" was an alias, and that the boxer's real name was Murray Livingstone. A brother of the dead man, who said his name was "Lance" Smith, "for practical purposes," his real name being Livingstone, identified the body of the pugilist as that of his brother, who was 25, and lived in Pennsylvania, U.S.A. The day before the fight the pugilist was in perfect health. He had been training at Brighton.—Mr. George C. Lee, the solicitor for the National Sporting Club, was there, but he had no questions to ask this witness.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

—Dr. Dodd, house surgeon at Charing Cross Hospital, said that when "Smith" was admitted on Monday he was unconscious, and could not be roused. The only external injuries were a few bruises about the arms and some traces of blood trickling from the nostrils. The lips were very slightly bruised. He died just 36 hours after admission. A post-mortem examination revealed that death was due to

COMPRESSION OF THE BRAIN,

caused by a blow on the head. Excitement would probably conduce to a rupture of the vessels, but would not be sufficient in itself to produce fatal results. Witness examined the gloves critically, and said they might have been responsible for the death of the man.—The brother, who had already given evidence, asked the coroner whether the doctor might answer a question as to the discovery of evidence of a drug having been used on "Smith."—The coroner asked the doctor to consider the matter, and answer hereafter.—The inquest was then adjourned until to-morrow.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS.

—The coroner complained of having received a number of anonymous letters. He could take no notice of them, he said, but he asked people who wrote them to come forward and give evidence if they could tell anything material to the case.

"SPORTING LUCK" PROSECUTION.

Mr. Joseph Stoddart, of Red Lion-court, Fleet-st., appeared at the Mansion House on seven summonses at the instance of the National Anti-gambling League, for alleged infringements of the Betting and Gaming Acts.—Mr. Avory said that since the last summonses were before the court on March 7 the system complained of had gone on as before with a few trifling alterations.—Evidence was given as to defendant being the occupier of the house in Red Lion-court, the registered offices of "Sporting Luck," and eventually the case was adjourned until Tuesday.

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THE TURF.

BY LARRY LYNX.

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[Notes on the week's racing with jottings and analysis of important impending races appear in full, together with selections for each day, in our Friday and Saturday editions. The whole is condensed into the brightest possible space in our Sunday issue, which only deals with Saturday's racing, and selections for the early part of the ensuing week. The earlier editions should be ordered through a Newsagent, or at the Railway Bookstalls.]

At Epsom we always reckon on good sport. Somehow or other spectators take kindly to distance racing, as it affords expected attraction, particularly when, as now, the start takes place immediately in front of the stands. The course, used only once a year, is a most tortuous one—ill-suited to the riding of light weights, whilst the struggle must of necessity be imbued with an immense element of luck in running. We have not had a bigger field for many a year, and it was extraordinary that the Great Metropolitan should attract more runners than the City. Many horses carried overweight, whilst the winner, Evasit, had been penalised 10lb. for a Northampton success, apropos of which, as a similarly-mulcted candidate scored in the City, are we likely to see the dissolution of the existing Committee of handicappers?

In the Tattenham Plate, Epsom were confident that the home stables would appropriately begin proceedings successfully by the aid of [illegible], who ran well, but both the Chandler filly, with whom Chandler was confident, and Felix proved her superiors, the latter being supported on in thousands from a long price to evens. Alice, totally unsuited to the course, sadly disappointed his connections in the Hyde Park Plate. In the Great Surrey Handicap a continual performer here in La Lune gained an outright bracket at last. Mr. Stedall's diminutive chestnut was second last year, and has frequently previously been caught close home by the ultimate winner. O'Donovan Rossa, who came to half his opening price, ran right well, although just missing official notice.

The first big handicap of the season has always been a popular race, and now reached its 50th anniversary. When the unfancied Ita filly won the Betchworth Stakes, many people fancied that Leader was in luck, for the youngster was little thought of at home, and had really been sent to the meeting as a companion to Alvescot. The latter was the first of the City horses in the paddock. He wore boots in front, and looked thoroughly fit, vastly different to when an unlucky second at Lincoln. Some termed him a bit leggy, and he certainly has sloping shoulders, but nice, strong, long pasterns, and he is such a good walker. Australian Star fairly jumped into his stride, but Alvescot ambled by leisurely and listlessly. There were frequent breaks away, and finally Amurath and Pellisson got clean away in a straggling start, Alvescot being badly placed. Down the hill Amurath led, but in the straight Australian Star drew out clear, and won cleverly, hunted home by Alvescot. Protest had been twice highly tried, so that Lord Ellesmere felt confident of winning the Hyde Park Plate, but it is never safe to really trust two-year-olds the first time out, and the race fell to Marmon, an own brother to Eager, who travelled very badly in the market.

The chief event, in the middle of the card, resulted, as the last two seasons, in a victory for an Australian-bred horse, trained by Hickey, at Epsom, so that the local stables have done right well. Nothing could have made any difference to the issue, although Alvescot was travelling fast in the last two furlongs, whilst Amurath undoubtedly owed his position to a flying start together with Pellisson. Everybody likes "Jimmie" Hickey, the trainer, who had poor luck when first here and riding as a steeplechase jockey, so that the success was well received. Alvescot's defeat bears no excuse, on the score of condition especially; he had every chance, and would have been second in another stride. During the morning, and just previous to racing, nothing had gone worse in the market than the ultimate winner, against whom as much as 9 to 1 was laid. Halsey had wasted hard to do the weight, the lowest he has ridden at for a long while, and he wore a new set of light colours, specially ordered, so as to avoid putting up overweight. We have had an extraordinarily bad Epsom. Everybody has these good and bad times, and certainly, well though I started at Lincoln, I have gone very "rocky" ever since, not being able to do anything right in paper selections, specials, or anything else. I have nothing to regret or retract in having so staunchly stuck to Alvescot. We all saw or know what he did at Lincoln, which made him the winner "on paper," so it only needed the positive knowledge, which I had, that the horse was fit and well, much improved, and carrying Leader's full confidence, to uphold it. We can't always be right, and when one expresses positive opinions pro and con on paper, they must at times work out wrongly on racecourses. At times one has regrets regarding "missing" a winner. I have nothing to regret in this case, and would not have taken "any price" the Star—that is to "keep." What I knew and saw re Alvescot was good enough for my own maximum investment (only moderately covered for a place), and I simply feared nothing. I know the extent of Tom Leader's confidence, his estimate of Alvescot's improvement, and that Mr. J. Joicey—a non-betting owner—assured all his North Country friends that he "couldn't lose." Halsey strongly fancied his mount (they nearly all do that), and even when the winner was "knocked out" just before the race, Hickey jokingly told me that "they hadn't beaten him yet." I am aware that many considered I was "mad" on Alvescot. There was justification, and I have frequently "come off" in similar circumstances. Now we must accept our defeat; we had a rare run for the money. Australian Star was too good for us—a vastly better horse than I thought—and, as sometimes must be the case, I was proved absolutely wrong in opposing him.

Sandown's racing on Thursday was delightfully quiet. John Porter brought off a double in both the big races with his three-year-olds, Pietermaritzburg and William III. Park House, Kingsclere, have before now won the Esher Stakes with a three-year-old, Sainfoin, to wit, who subsequently scored in the Derby, but I hold no such opinion of this week's winner. He is certainly not a boy's horse, and at one time when swerving out to the left, St. Nydia looked to have won the race, but I doubted her being able to give what was more than weight-for-age to anything like a "class" three-year-old, and so the result proved, although Falmouth House considered the mare certain to win. Hornsbys' people, who had had a bad Epsom, put Sheet Anchor in the Trial Plate to bet upon, but the chestnut went down before Victor Don, whose appearing in an unknown nomination in consequence, probably, of the late Sir John Thursby's demise, caused quite a long price to be laid. Barnes did not start Joe the Marine, in consequence of being unable to get his favourite jockey, Kemmy Cannon, who was wanted for Donur.

Cooler and tamer was Sandown on Friday, when again favourites did right well, and we got back something of our Epsom losses, and into more like our usual form, winning two bets out of three, including the "good thing" of the day, Esmeralda II., who, in truth, was a "good thing" on the handicap for the Princess of Wales' Plate. True, the verdict was only a head, but although "Master Johnny" told me "how Lester rode hard when he saw him (on Harrow) coming," my opinion is that Mr. King's mare won in a canter.

LATEST.

Yesterday's jumping at Sandown is reckoned to be the finale of the N.H. game. On these occasions there is always splendid sport, troops of runners, and in the Sellings we see some of the best handicap horses; they don't "come off" either. Gore anticipated a red letter day, and went home empty-handed. They took Sprig of Shillelagh for the St. James's Plate. Mason put the colours on, and went to scale, but was stopped at the last moment, and the little chestnut returned to his box. This was throwing the race away, Rosedeep not being in the same class, and seeing what won. Street Lamp—behind Chillingworth on all form—has surely had enough of it this winter. Yet Escott, decrying probabilities, wouldn't be stalled of having him at Hawthorn Hill last week. Fancy his beating Bayreuth in a trot after the latter had looked a certain winner! How would they have been handicapped? Still, a greater facer was the hanging chestnut, Spinning Boy, whacking Chair of Kildare, Raymond, Nepoote, and such handicap company in the Steeplechase at evens. Mr. Goodson's horse was third in a Selling Steeplechase at Hawthorn Hill last time out. Chair of Kildare was never galloping with any dash, but, as regard Raymond and Mr. Nugent, the general opinion was "threw the race away and then objected." The well treated Goldfinder—who looked light—had a jockey up, and beat the currish St. Jacques and three others for the Handicap, whilst the Cranborne turn came with Sarah in the Steeplechase, with its big title but little field. Here it looked all over for Cushendun, but I think Mr. Davies made too much use of him in the the last mile, and won his race round the turn. Then the weight told up the hill and a great fight from the last fence saw the February form here just repeated. In the Criterion Steeplechase Saltator II. unaccountably fell on the flat—cannoned against something, I think, taking off—and never recovered his balance. The gigantic Cassock's Pride should have won, but Driscoll was a bit easy on him, whilst Dollery rode like a demon, and it was he who fairly made the tie. Surely the signalling arrangements here are primitive, and need alteration when Heathvoe's number was put up and kept up. Of course, Uncle Jack had a "benefit" in the Flat Race, conditioned without penalties. Now that he has been got over the country and is qualified, Greek Boy will also be kept to this game, and he is a nice horse, too.

Newmarket again next week, which means going steady. On Tuesday, I shall give ROSE WREATH another chance in the Apprentices' Handicap, as not only is he weighted to win it, but Cole has several good boys, either in his own son, young Morgan, or [illegible]—a great consideration. It can hardly be that Lord Durham really means to run SATEEN in the All Aged Selling Plate, but, if so, we must row in substantially, as this is the mare who was so highly tried last year, and cost us so heavily, when unnamed, and competing as the Satanella filly.

Wednesday is Guineas' Day, and I know Falmouth House think Lord Bobs unbeatable, and I believe he is fit. In front of [illegible], who ran second to Pietermaritzburg at Sandown. Still, it must be a great matter of guess work as to which of our three-year-olds really improved the most during the winter, for so many of them were all of a heap last year. Further, too, the recent good luck of the Maple colours has conduced to Lord Bobs' favouritism, and at the respective prices, as I know he has done so well, and so thoroughly pleased Sherwood, I must go for

VELES,

and advise his being backed at once, both for the Rowley Mile Race and the Derby.

In the Heath Handicap, I must split a vote between the frequently-absent CASSINE and CARBINIA, who did not give her true running at the last meeting here. In Thursday's Welter Handicap, whichever Mr. Rothschild runs, DONUR or CRACKO, should win, and I must name HAPPY BIRD just in case the horse puts in an appearance for the Maiden Plate, whilst, if he is entitled to Jubilee favouritism, THE GRAFTER must win the March Stakes.

Friday's card, and also the Hurst Park meeting on Saturday, I can deal with, as usual, in the week-end editions, but reverting to the minor jumping meetings still to be decided we must certainly not miss MINISTRE in a Hurdle Handicap at Aldershot, nor ISLA DE CUBA in her handicap engagements at Birmingham.

SPORT JOTTINGS.

Australian horses take their age from Aug. 1.

Marcotint, who ran in the Tattenham Plate at Epsom, is the first of Marco's stock to compete on a racecourse.

I should like to see little C. Manser have all the light-weight riding for the Rothschilds.

The City and Suburban was inaugurated in 1851, the value added being £150 added to a subscription of 15sovs. each.

The Brocklesby Stakes form is represented by Bonnie Scotland, Irena colt, and Simony is working out better than usual.

As regards weather, it was a glorious Epsom, but in betting cruel to almost everybody except Australian Startten.

The most successful stable of the past winter season has been Bob Gore's at Findon, as they have sent out nearly 50 winners. But what price yesterday?

What is to be the effect of the new betting bill? Prima facie bookmaking and even paper predictions are penal.

Covert Hack, the National failure, won the Conyngham Cup for the third time in succession this week.

Col. Hall Walker, the popular owner, won the Ludlow Cup this week on Sandblast, beating his brother, Mr. Reid Walker, and riding in American style.

Although this last season's N.H. sport was so execrably poor, with the war ended matters will be very much enlivened during next winter.

Morny Cannon first wore the Prince of Wales's colours on Courtier when he won the Caterham Plate at Epsom in 1895.

I believe Mr. C. Agar intends to make a descent upon Belgium with Little Cicestrian, who will be ridden by Dick Woodland.

Not only the winner but all the top-weights in the City and Suburban were either Australian or American-bred horses.

The way to "do" Epsom—as followed by most pressmen—is to journey down early, call in and lunch with one of the local trainers (who always keep open houses during race week), and then stroll up over the rifle butts to the course.

Epsom still continues the old-time plan of having seven races a day, and further utilising the very crowded, useless, and ancient type of race-card.

Sir Edgar Vincent is naturally always exceptionally keen on supporting Sandown Park meetings, and seeing his not very well blended colours—green and yellow hoops—successful there, as he lives in the village of Esher, and is, in fact, establishing a small stud farm there.

The sport at Pontefract was fair, and noticeable chiefly for the successes by Southern stables. On the first day West Goodwin scored in three races, whilst on Friday no less than four of the six events were won by trainers with their own horses. Until quite recently Charlie Wood, Jack Watts, and T. Bruckshaw among the successful owners, were jockeys.

I shall close the Clare Fund in a day or two, the subscriptions I have collected now totalling just over £300. I have purposely kept the list open, as there were one or two steeplechase jockeys and trainers whom I had not met of late, including "Billy" Nightingall, who not only readily gave me his share at Epsom this week, but chaffingly said "he would have been offended had I failed to ask him."

All praise is due to P.C. Harwood (AR 41, Westminster) for his truly plucky deed at Epsom on Tuesday, when at the risk of life and limb arresting the runaway career of a horse harnessed to a light dog-cart. The act, immediately following the finish of the Great Metropolitan, right in the centre of the course, was witnessed by thousands, and clamorously applauded. The "man in blue" deserves promotion for the presence of mind and absolute heroism which prevented serious harm.

The Hexham Steeplechase meeting, held on Wednesday and Thursday next, is making rapid strides in advancement, and is looked upon locally as quite an important race-gathering. One of the best supporters of the fixture is Mr. W. H. Pawson, who resides in the district and is naturally most anxious to lend all possible aid in promoting excellent sport. The values of the events this year have been considerably increased, and Hexham can now boast a programme worthy almost of Sandown or Kempton; in other senses, especially socially, it is a thoroughly sporting and enjoyable re-union.

It is pretty well known that Mr. H. M. Dorling, clerk of the course at Epsom and Brighton, does not "give much away," and it is quite amusing to spend five minutes hearing how he meets the applications of various owners, trainers, jockeys, and others in regard to tickets. As to this I am able to record a somewhat humorous incident this week upon an owner asking for a Tattersall's ticket. "Why should I give you one?" asked the clerk of the course. The reply was, "Because I have a horse running," and then a counter question, "What chance have I of backing him without?" The prompt humorous response was, "None at all—on the handicap." The ticket didn't "come off."

The incomparable C. B. Fry was 29 on Thursday.

The Belgrave C.C. opened a new ground of 15 acres adjoining the Gun Club at Wormwood Scrubbs yesterday, whilst on Monday they play an interesting match against a strong team of the London County C.C., captained by W. G. Grace. The club have framed a most ambitious programme of over 100 matches, and without doubt they give their members plenty of good cricket. The Belgrave C.C. is now in its 31st season, and hold the remarkable record of never having scratched a match during its entire existence.

YESTERDAY'S RACING.

SANDOWN PARK SECOND SPRING MEETING.

The ST. JAMES'S PLATE of 200 sovs. Two miles, over eight hurdles.

Mr. H. Escott's Street Lamp, 4yrs, 10st ... W. Escott 1
Col. Fenwick's Bayreuth, aged, 11st ... Mr. Nugent 2
Mr. Williams's Potboy, aged, 11st ... Nye 3

Winner trained by Escott.

Also ran: Fossicker (Driscoll), His Grace (Piggott), Chillingworth (T. Fitton), Marauder (Dollery), Westmoreland (J. Pearce), Rosedeep (Mason), Musket Stock (Nightingall), Bonnie Chieftain (Pearce), Pomfret (Butchers). Betting: 5 to 1 each agst His Grace, Westmoreland, and Rosedeep, 11 to 2 agst Bayreuth, 6 to 1 agst Potboy, 7 to 1 agst Street Lamp, 8 to 1 each agst Fossicker and Chillingworth, and 10 to 1 agst any other. Won in a canter by 8 lengths; 3 2nd and 3rd.

The PAVILION STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. Two miles.

Mr. W. S. Goodson's Spinning Boy, aged, 10st 8lb ... O'Brien 1
Col. Fenwick's Raymond, 5yrs, 11st 10lb ... Mr. Nugent 2
Mr. F. R. Hunt's Billy George, 5yrs, 11st 10lb ... J. Pearce 3

Winner trained by Humpage.

Also ran: Chair of Kildare (Mason), Hellum (Caley), Comet III. (J. Owens), Nightjar (Mr. W. Nickall), Nepoote (Capt. W. F. Ricardo), Celer (Mansborough), Crystal Palace (Dollery), Cumberland (R. Scott). Betting: 3 to 1 agst Raymond, 7 to 2 agst Chair of Kildare, 7 to 1 agst Cumberland, 8 to 1 agst Spinning Boy, and 10 to 1 agst any other. Won by a length; 2 2nd and 3rd.

The GREAT SANDOWN HURDLE RACE (handicap) of 500 sovs. Two miles.

Mr. F. Bolland's Goldfinder, 5yrs, 10st 11lb ... A. Nightingall 1
Sir J. Blundell Maple's Childwickbury, 5yrs, 11st 7lb ... Moran 2
Mr. E. Gore's St. Jacques, 4yrs, 10st 9lb ... Mason 3

Winner trained by Thomas.

Also ran: Roughside (Mr. Davies), Strangford (Chadwick). Betting: 2 to 1 agst St. Jacques, 5 to 2 agst Goldfinder, 3 to 1 agst Roughside, 9 to 2 agst Strangford, and 5 to 1 agst Childwickbury. Won by 2 lengths; a head 2nd and 3rd.

The GRAND INTERNATIONAL STEEPLECHASE (handicap) of 500 sovs. Three miles and a half.

Col. H. T. Fenwick's Sarah, 6yrs, 10st 12lb ... Mr. Nugent 1
Capt. E. A. Johnstone's Cushendun, 6yrs, 12st 1lb ... Mr. Davies 2
Mr. W. H. Pawson's The Supper, aged, 11st 6lb ... Mr. W. H. Pawson 3

Winner trained by Sir C. Nugent.

Also ran: Stalker (Oates). Betting: 7 to 4 agst Sarah, 2 to 1 agst Cushendun, 9 to 2 agst The Supper, and 100 to 7 agst Stalker. Won by 4 lengths; bad 3rd.

The CRITERION STEEPLECHASE (handicap) of 200 sovs. Two miles.

Mrs. Yates's Chekoa, aged, 11st ... Dollery †
Maj. J. D. Edwards's Cassock's Pride, aged, 11st 10lb ... E. Driscoll †
Mr. L. J. Shirley's Heathvoe, aged, 11st 6lb ... Mr. A. Wood, 3

Chekoa trained by Swatton; Cassock's Pride trained privately.

Also ran: Æsthetic Anne (Mr. J. Parkinson), Saltator II. (J. Nightingall), Blue Mint (F. Freemantle), Little Cicestrian (Piggott). Betting: 2 to 1 on Saltator II., 4 to 1 agst Æsthetic Anne, 5 to 1 agst Cassock's Pride, 6 to 1 agst Chekoa, 100 to 15 agst Blue Mint, and 10 to 1 agst any other. Dead heat for first place; 4 lengths off Heathvoe was 3rd. The stakes were divided.

The SOUTHERN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE of 200 sovs. About three miles and a quarter.

Mr. S. B. Joel's Uncle Jack, 6yrs, 12st 5lb ... Mr. Ripley 1
Mr. Pawson's Greek Boy, 6yrs, 12st 5lb ... Mr. Pawson 2
Mr. A. M. Singer's Senateur, 5yrs, 12st ... Mr. Davies 3

Winner trained by Sentence.

Also ran: Doneraile (Mr. Nugent). Betting: 4 to 1 on Uncle Jack, 6 to 1 agst Senateur, and 100 to 8 agst any other. Won by three-quarters of a length; bad 3rd.

LONDON BETTING.

TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS.

5 to 1 agst Lord Bobs, t		100 to 8 agst Kusfa, t	
5 to 2 — Orchid, t & o		100 to 7 — Sir Edgar, t	
9 to 2 — Veles, t		100 to 6 — Bay Melton, t	
11 to 2 — Doricles, t			
10 to 1 — St. Maclou, t			

KEMPTON PARK JUBILEE HANDICAP.

15 to 2 agst The Grafter	100 to 7 agst Alvescot, t
100 to 9 — Innocence, t & o	100 to 7 — Merry Methodist, t

THE DERBY.

100 to 12 agst Floriform, t	5 agst Veles, t
100 to 11 — Lord Bobs, t	100 to 8 — Doricles, t
100 to 9 — Orchid, t	5 to 1 — Sir Edgar, t

SCRATCHINGS.

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The strong and the courageous are generous under defeat as well as victory, and our Northern friends have accepted with becoming complaisance the triumph of the South in the football contest yesterday at Bolton. Northern and Mid-England have achieved so many victories against the South that they can afford to take the back seat to which Tottenham has this week relegated them in the national game. Southerners have not evinced that passionate love of field sports which has characterised their countrymen Northwards. It is only in recent years that football and golf have become anything like as popular in the South as they have ever been in the North, though cricket is played with no less skill and earnestness in Southern as in Northern meadows. We congratulate the metropolitan team on their splendid victory, and at the same time we may also congratulate the Sheffielders on at last having in the South foemen worthy of their prowess. The English football cup has come South for the first time since professionalism entered into the contest, and will give a new and powerful impetus to Association football in the metropolitan districts, and accelerate the disappearance of the rival Rugby game. With the final contest for the Cup the football season practically closes, giving place to the reign of "Willow the King." The future of the victorious "Spurs" will be eagerly watched, especially if the team finds a place next season in the more important League contests.

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BOXIANA.

It is much to be regretted that we should have to record yet another death following close upon a glove-fight. Whether the two events really stand to each other in the relation of cause and effect is not yet known, and will not be until medical evidence has been taken. All that we know for certain at present is that Roberts and Smith fought on Monday last, that the latter was beaten in the eighth round, was removed to hospital in a state of collapse, and died on Wednesday. The defeat of Smith, and still more his collapse and subsequent death, have been a great surprise to those who saw him fight, and probably many of them are of opinion that there must have been some fatal physical weakness in his system which the preliminary medical inspection had failed to detect before he was allowed to enter the ring. That is as it may be, and it is not for us to pronounce any opinion on the cause of death. There remains, however, the ugly fact that this is the fourth case within the last four years in which a boxer has died shortly after one of these contests. That being so, we would put it to the National Sporting Club whether it is not high time to adopt more effectual precautions than have yet been taken to prevent such regrettable occurrences. We are aware that the gloves have been increased in weight from four ounces to six, that the number of rounds has been reduced, and that the ring is well padded. But one must judge by results, and the latest fatality certainly seems to suggest that these precautions are not sufficient, and that further changes, and particularly a change in the rules, are required to prevent danger to life. In saying that we would not be misunderstood. Far from wishing to interfere with boxing, we desire to see its patrons protect it from the attacks of its sworn foes, who find an opening in these fatal accidents. The revival of boxing has, we have every reason to believe, done much good in awakening a spirit of manliness, self-control, fair-play, and, in general, of discipline among young men of the humbler classes of society. We desire to see that influence widened and deepened; and just for that reason we would warn those who are responsible for the good name of the sport that public opinion which has put a stop to prize-fighting, will not continue to tolerate indefinitely a species of performance which subjects those who take part in it to danger which may, and ought to be, avoided.

A WELL-DESERVED HOLIDAY.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." If any man deserves a holiday in this world at the present time, that man surely is Sir Alfred Milner. The announcement that he is coming home to enjoy a brief period of well-earned repose has been welcomed by public opinion all over the Empire. Cape Town, we observe, has been preparing to testify to its appreciation of the distinguished merits of the High Commissioner. When Sir Alfred reaches home it may be taken for granted that the same desire to do him honour will be manifested in the capital of the Empire. It has been suggested that as Sir Alfred was entertained at a banquet before he went out to South Africa, the sentiments of his countrymen should express themselves in the same traditional English way. We are by no means sure, however, that Sir Alfred will consent. A banquet implies, of course, a speech by the guest of the evening, and it may be doubted whether Sir Alfred will think it opportune to make a pronouncement about his policy in South Africa until the storm and stress of the final phase of the war has passed away. Nevertheless it is possible that we are mistaken, and that the suggested banquet will take place. In that event we shall be curious to see whether those lights of the Radical party who were present at the "send-off" of Sir Alfred Milner will be present to welcome his return. Sir William Harcourt, in particular, should be there, for is not Sir Alfred Milner a Liberal—though not precisely a Liberal of the particular complexion of Sir William Harcourt? There were others. Indeed we have a dim recollection of having seen the revered name of Mr. Leonard Courtney himself among the guests, for the banquet was in the distant days befoe the Rejected of Bodmin discoveed a "lost mind" in Sir Alfred Milner. Will they be there? Well, whether they are or not, and whether the banquet ever be held or not, we may take it to be as certain as anything in this uncertain world that Sir Alfred Milner will, in due season, return to complete the work in which he has so long borne the burdened heat of the day, and which, as his countrymen will most cordially assure him, has so thoroughly earned him the right to his well-won repose.

GUILDHALL ART GALLERY.

A SPANISH EXHIBITION TO BE OPENED BY THE LORD MAYOR.

The annual exhibitions of works of art which are held at the Guildhall have been a great success, owing to the fact that not only have the paintings been some of the best that are to be met with in private collections, but also to the attractive way the Exhibition Committee of the Corporation have arranged the works of both English and foreign masters. Each exhibition has been totally different in character from its predecessor, the result being that large and increasing numbers of people have annually visited the Guildhall for the purpose of inspecting these triumphs of art. The Lord Mayor will, to-morrow, open another of these exhibitions, which consists exclusively of the works of Spanish masters. Of course it has only been found possible to obtain what might be called a representative collection of Spanish art, but even from this the variety of the work, the beauty of the colouring, and the vigour of execution can be seen. Specimens of both the

ANCIENT AND MODERN SCHOOL

are on view. The King has generously lent a fine Velasquez—one of the portraits of Don Baltazar Carlos—and another has been forwarded by the Queen Regent of Spain. The German Emperor, who, as is well known, takes the keenest interest in art, has sent a picture by Luis Alvarez; while other works have been obtained from patrons of art both in England, Germany, the United States, France, Italy and Spain. Among other artists who are represented are Francisco Pradilla, José Villegas y Cordero, José Domingo, Barbudo Gallegos, Goya, Coello, El Creco, and Francisco de Zurbaran. An inspection of the pictures done by Spanish painters of The Renaissance, and those by the modern school shows, with two or three exceptions, how the character of the work has deteriorated; but the exhibition as a whole is one of the most interesting that has yet been held.

HIGH PRICES FOR PICTURES.

At their usual sale, yesterday, Messrs. Christie, Manson, and Woods, sold the following important pictures, the property of the late Sir H. Hope Edwards:—"A View of a Woody Country," by M. Hobbema, 9,400 gns.; "Portrait of Mrs. Dorothy Crespigny," by G. Romney, 5,600 gns.; "Portrait of Jacqueline de Bourgoyne," by J. de Mabuse, 2,400 gns.; "Portrait of Isaac Sequeira," by T. Gainsborough, 2,150 gns.; "Portrait of the Artist," by Murillo, 2,600 gns.; "Portrait of Mrs. Elizabeth Currie," by J. Russell, R.A., 1,550 gns.; "Portrait of Mrs. Hallam, in blue dress," by T. Gainsborough, R.A., 1,780 gns.; and "Portrait of Admiral de Hocke Pied," by B. van der Helst, 1,980 gns.

GRIESHEIM DISASTER.

FOURTEEN BODIES RECOVERED.

Frankfurt-on-Main, April 27.—The night passed without any noteworthy incident at Griesheim. It is officially announced that up to 11 o'clock this morning, 14 dead bodies had been recovered, while several persons were still missing. The number of persons injured, severely and slightly, is estimated at 150.—Reuter.

ITEMS FROM BRIGHTON.

An inquest was held yesterday on the body of Harvey Hunt, cab proprietor, of Prestonville-rd., Brighton. Deceased was thrown from his cab while driving on Friday, and fractured his skull. Verdict, accidental death.

John William Morton was sentenced to two months hard labour for stealing two opera glasses and other articles.

An unknown man of about 80 was found dead at the foot of the Black Rock, Brighton, yesterday. The face was deeply discoloured. There was nothing to indicate how he came under the cliff.

MINE EXPLOSION IN BELGIUM

MANY MEN KILLED.

Mons, April 27.—An explosion of firedamp occurred yesterday evening in the Grand Buison coal mine at Hornu. Eighteen men were killed, and seven injured.—Reuter.

TALK OF THE PEOPLE.

Sunday Morning.

It is quite amusing to watch the efforts of the Opposition to persuade themselves and the country that the shilling duty upon coal is to be abandoned. The most positive contradiction from the only people who can really know seems to have little or no effect upon them, and they go on talking about the surrender of the duty being "inevitable," just as though they really believed it. Of course they know just as well as everybody else does that the duty will be maintained, and that not six Unionists will vote against the Government on the question, and it is really a little difficult to understand what good end is served by pretending the contrary.

The row in the coal trade over the proposed very moderate taxation has been immensely exaggerated, and with all due respect I very much doubt whether those who are most violent against it are at all seriously perturbed at the prospect. The poor sufferers have been doing uncommonly well out of you and me during the last year, and if they have not got a bit put by to meet the new taxation they ought to have. One thing I should very much like to know is whether the prices which the coalowners have been charging to foreign customers are at all the same as those they have been asking from us at home. I have a suspicion that the foreigner has been a very much favoured individual in this matter.

The decision of the London School Board not to appeal any further in the Cockerton case makes it almost imperative on the Government to introduce and carry their Education Bill this year. We cannot have the Secondary Education of the country stopped merely because the London School Board has mistaken the powers conferred upon it by the Education Act. But, mark you, it by no means follows that the School Board should be the authorities which the Government Bill will set up to look after this most important subject. As a matter of fact it is practically certain that they will not be.

I look to see a complete separation between those who are responsible for elementary and those for secondary education, and, unless I am much mistaken, both will be much the better for the separation. Each will attend to its own proper business, and there will be both a great deal less ignorant meddling and a much more efficient check upon the rates. The School Board, limited to their proper functions, will not have an almost unlimited range of subjects on which to expend the public money, but will be restricted to dealing with such education as is really elementary, and over which they can hardly be very grossly extravagant.

It is very satisfactory to see that the "Globe" has spoken out strongly on the absurd sentences which the magistrates too often pass in cases of intimidation in strikes. A fine is a mere mockery in these cases, for it is always paid out of the strike funds, and the delinquent, far from suffering for his offence, is generally made a hero of, and entertained at a banquet. I do not care whether one's sympathies in any given struggle are with the workers or the employers, terrorism is not a legitimate weapon, and it ought to be put down, whenever it occurs, by the infliction of penalties which will really have some substantial effect.

There is not the slightest chance, so far as I am able to calculate, of the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill becoming law this session. The state of public business and the strong opposition which the measure has to face, quite precludes the idea, and even its most enthusiastic supporters do not expect it, in spite of the big majority by which it was carried in the Commons. What they will do is to introduce a precisely similar measure into the Lords, and, if it is read a second time there, as it probably will be, to demand legislation on the subject next year, on the ground that the principle of the bill has been affirmed by both Houses of Parliament in the same session.

The bigotry of some people on the subject of Sunday—which, by the way, they are usually in the habit of quite wrongly calling the Sabbath—is perfectly amazing. A case which is reported from Stoke, near Rochester, seems to me, however, almost incredible. According to the report, the local school board spent ever so long in discussing a resolution of regret that the headmaster of the school should have been seen playing cricket for ten minutes on a Sunday afternoon with a small sinner of five years' old. They only refrained from passing their absurd resolution by one vote, and, apparently, it was the clergyman of the place who succeeded in persuading them not to make themselves an example of bigotry and folly. Really there are some folks who ought to have their heads rubbed together until they show symptoms of charity and common sense. Only it would take such a long time.

We appear to have captured another Boer "capital," but the war still simmers on, and it looks as though we shall have to take nearly all the Boers now in the field prisoners before it comes to an end. For this there is one reason, and one only—the action of our pro-Boer at home. The Boers know little or nothing of the actual condition of affairs in England, and they think that these people, whose utterances are regularly reported to them, are an important party who will shortly obtain power in this country, and grant them their independence. It is this that keeps the war alive, and a fearful responsibility for brave lives wasted and for desolated territories rests upon those hysterical fanatics whose folly is having so terrible an effect.

Pray you, note the extremely friendly tone of the references to this country in the Kaiser's charming little speech at Bonn. The effect of his visit to London at the time of the late Queen's death has evidently not passed off, and I fancy he will eventually succeed in bringing his subjects into a better mind concerning ourselves. Perhaps he may even manage to convince them some day that we do not devote the whole of our time to eating raw meat, slaughtering defenceless women and children, and grabbing any property that seems to be lying round loose.

WIDE AWAKE.

LATEST ELECTRIC FLASHES.

HOME.

Leonard Pitcher, farmer, was fined 25s. for illtreating a horse by working it in an unfit state.

A painters' strike is averted at Stockton-on-Tees, the masters conceding a halfpenny advance per hour.

Another case of small-pox was removed to the infectious hospital at Leicester.

A meeting of Newcastle merchants passed a resolution against the proposed export duty on coal.

Elizabeth Dearden was remanded at Lancaster charged with baby farming. Bail was granted.

John Bailey was remanded at Portsmouth, charged with the attempted murder of Caroline Richardson.

A motor-car demonstration, promoted by the Automobile Club, took place at Gloucester.

The funeral of Capt. Darwin, of Buxton, nephew of Professor Darwin, took place at Burbage.

Jane Smart, domestic servant, was remanded at Scarborough on a charge of concealment of birth.

A young man named Hamblin, a blacksmith, while cycling along the towpath at Oxford fell into the river and was drowned.

John Henry Maull, labourer, was at Warwick sentenced to 14 days for stealing a watch from Henry Harper, a fellow lodger.

At the monthly meeting of the Lancashire and Cheshire Miners' Federation at Wigan a resolution was passed condemning the proposed Coal Tax.

At Leicester, Geo. Henry Needle was sentenced to six months for starving his children, while he kept himself in plenty.

A stoppage of the building trade in the Hartlepools took place, owing to a strike of bricklayers' and plasterers' labourers.

FOREIGN.

The International Art Exhibition at Venice was opened yesterday by the Duke of the Abruzzi.—Reuter.

The Kaiser visited the Empress Frederick at Cronberg.

Count Cornulier was at Paris, yesterday, acquitted on the charge of murdering his wife. The verdict was received with hearty applause. The Count thanked the jury for their verdict in the name of his children.—Reuter.

The Pope receiving yesterday a deputation of French and Belgian journalists, spoke at length on the reawakening of an anti-Christian spirit in many countries, against which he hoped and prayed that Christian journalists would effectively battle.—Central News.

VICTORIOUS SPURS.

RECEPTION OF THE NEWS IN LONDON.

A considerable crowd of football enthusiasts gathered in the neighbourhood of Fleet-st. yesterday afternoon, anxiously awaiting the result of the great struggle at Bolton between the Tottenham Hotspurs and Sheffield United. About five o'clock a boy shouted from the office of one of the provincial papers: "Tottenham Hotspur, 3 to 1." This was the first intimation of the result to the public, and loud cheers were at once raised. One minute later the evening papers were being sold in the streets, and cyclists disappeared with the news in all directions. The victory of the "Spurs" was naturally

A MOST POPULAR ONE,

and the successful team was heartily cheered in all parts of the metropolis as soon as the news was made known. The greatest enthusiasm was naturally manifested in North London, and especially in the districts immediately surrounding the headquarters of the famous team. Thousands of persons gathered in the neighbourhood of Dalston-lane between four and five o'clock, and as soon as the result was announced, cheer after cheer went up, hats and handkerchiefs were waved, and shouts of "Good old Spurs," "Well done Tottenham," repeatedly raised.

THE SCENE IN TOTTENHAM.

In Tottenham itself the news of the success was received with wild enthusiasm. Outside the headquarters of the club, the White Hart Hotel, in the High-rd., Tottenham, an enormous crowd had gathered, and when the result was announced there was a terrific burst of cheering. Almost simultaneously flags were displayed from every window and flagstaff. The club's colours were generally worn by the fast-increasing crowd. At six o'clock the High-rd., from the White Hart as far Citywards as South Tottenham Station, was

ONE MASS OF PEOPLE,

and street hawkers did a marvellous trade in vending trumpets, flags, bangballs, "tiddlers," and other instruments of torture, reminiscent of "Mafeking Night." The street sellers also found a great demand for an "In Memoriam Card," which had evidently been prepared by an enterprising printer in expectation of the success of the Spurs. On the top of the card, which is black-edged, is the representation of a hearse, and inscribed with the following epitaph:—

In
Doleful Memory
Of Poor
SHEFFIELD UNITED
Buried by
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.

Then follow two verses of doggerel suggesting the lament of the Sheffield Club. Buttons bearing representations of the team were sold in thousands, and at dusk the scenes around the headquarters of the club were of a most animated description. Some

ELABORATE ILLUMINATIONS

had been prepared, and these were lit at nightfall. Almost every place of business and private house along the High-rd. had its illuminated design, and the majority of these consisted of appropriate mottoes, picked out in white and blue lamps—white and blue being the colours of the team. It was stated last night that the "Spurs" were to arrive at South Tottenham Station (Midland Railway) shortly before one o'clock this morning, and a scheme for their reception was immediately arranged for, a brake being chartered for the purpose of conveying them to the White Hart Hotel, and afterwards to the club. Here congratulatory speeches were to be made, and the capacity of the cup, which would, of course, be brought back from Bolton with the victors, tested.

SAVOY THEATRE

LAST NIGHT.

Sullivan's remarkable powers of orchestration were only equalled by his melodic gifts. The hand of death was laid on the pen of the composer before he had time to build the melodies which he had sung to himself for "The Emerald Isle," upon a superstructure such as he alone knew how to set up, but at least he was spared to write down the airs, so instinct in charm, so graceful and melodious, which constitutes practically the whole of his work for the dainty lyrics in Capt. Basil Hood's book of the new Savoy opera, produced with every indication of real success last night. Let us be thankful even for so much, for in truth "The Emerald Isle," whatever else it may be, is a triumph of melody. When we remember the illness and suffering of Arthur Sullivan, it is little short of marvellous that he could have conceived such sweet and peaceful, bright and joyous musical lines as abound in the new work. It has sometimes been said that in his later efforts Arthur Sullivan showed a weakening of his old melodic gifts. That may or may not be so; certainly, in "The Emerald Isle," we find him supreme master of his unrivalled powers of musical utterance. It is as if as the end drew near, and the mind and character, always so sweet and generous, developed with new force those gracious attributes which find expression in this posthumous music. For everyone last night there must have been, amid all the interest, not to say excitement, of a "premier," thoughts of Arthur Sullivan and D'Oyly Carte, neither of whom had lived to see the outcome of this, their latest venture, but the melodies of the one and the stage art of the other were there to remind us of all we had lost by the death of two of the famous trio.

The Lord Lieutenant's Daughter, Miss Jay. Mr. Bunn, Mr. Walter Passmore.

It says much for the sympathy and musicianship of Mr. Edward German that he has been able in orchestrating and harmonising Sullivan's unfinished work to give so satisfying a suggestion of completeness to the whole. A man less ready to merge himself might have brought about unmistakable incongruities, but Mr. German has executed his task with such perfect success that in listening to many of the numbers, which called forth unstinted applause last night, one found it difficult to believe that the hand and brain of Arthur Sullivan had not finished, as they had commenced, these dainty songs, so fresh in invention, so charming in their orchestral accompaniment.

The Lord Lieutenant, Mr. Jones Hewson. His Wife, Miss Brandram.

Something seems to have inspired Sullivan to give of his very best, and little less than an inspiration has been the skill of the finishing artist, while where Mr. German stands alone in the new opera, he meets the requirements of the situation with so unerring a touch as to stimulate the hope that ere long we many acclaim a successor to that earnest and inspired worker, who kept the lamp of all that is highest and best in comic opera burning so long and brightly at the Savoy.

And if Sullivan is more than suggested in the music through which his melodies ripple, the influence of Mr. W. S. Gilbert (who was present last night) is apparent in the story, although we can imagine what the great collaborateur would have made of certain characters in Capt. Basil Hood's book. The story is frankly Irish, with the brogue and the shillelagh, the jig, the rebel, and the fay. The rebel, indeed, is of a distinctly comic opera type, not because anything he does is particularly funny, but because he is more concerned with love than rebellion. This handsome young hater of the hated English (time about 100 years ago) loves the daughter of the Lord-Lieutenant, and the aspirations of Terence O'Brien are, after all, not so preposterous, for, as he tells us, "as a baby I was brought to England, brought up and educated there, at Eton and Oxford University." There is not much in the story, but in the telling of it there is both wit and humour quite Irish in its freshness. It introduces, among other figures, the Lord-Lieutenant, a man of "dignites," with a passion for speaking blank verse; his wife, "of high degree;" and Professor Bunn, a genial impostor-cum-detective, a modified John Wellington Wells, who seeks to hunt with the Government and run with the rebel. He is a most diverting character, fitting admirably Mr. Walter Passmore's style and method. Indeed the same may be said of most of the company and the characters they represent. Mr. Henry Lytton has never had a better opportunity than as Pat Murphy, the fiddler, who has been induced to keep up his deception of blindness by the loving attention it invokes from Molly O'Grady, the sweetest of peasant girls, as played by Miss Louie Pounds. The time arrives when the "blind" fiddler has to proclaim his deception, and Mr. Lytton enacts the scene with a dramatic strength and genuine pathos there is no denying, while he sings "Good-bye my Native Town"—one of the many delightful numbers in the opera, and one of Mr. German's own, it should be added—like the true artist he has so often proved himself to be. Miss Isabel Jay, as the Lord Lieutenant's daughter Rosie, and Molly are greatly concerned, with the assistance of Bunn, got up "Rip van Winkleisly," in keeping the soldiers away from the Caves of Carrig-Cleena, which give the second title to the opera, they pretending to be fairies to frighten off the English red-coats—superstitious men from Devonshire, all of them—and so help to save Terence (Mr. R. Evett) from the wicked Saxon.

Among so much that is charming the fairy music is particularly appealing. Sullivan gives us, in his last melodies, the plaintive sweetness of Irish song to lyrics notable for grace and diction and neatness of style, and Mr. German has adorned them with choice orchestration. Miss Pounds and Miss Jay have some charming numbers, and Mr. R. Evett's sympathetic tenor voice is not wasted. The first act, set in a beautiful scene with Irish lakes and hills, contains so many melodic gems that the audience would have liked to hear several a second time. Murphy's song on the Lord Lieutenant's deportment craze, and Rosie's song (one of Mr. German's), "O, setting sun, you bid the World Good-bye," had, however, to be repeated, a fate just escaped by a delightful quintet and a soldiers' chorus. In the second act (too wordy, by the way), where we have a moonlit glen and the fairy-haunted caves, a duet for Terence and Rosie, "'Twas in Hyde Park, beside the Row, that she and I first Met," could not but be repeated, and an encore for Mr. Bunn's song on imitation and pretence was inevitable, containing as it does some extremely funny lines; also for the concerted number, "The Goblin and the Fairy," with its grotesque dance. We should add that admirable assistance is rendered in the presentation of the opera by Mr. Jones Hewson (the Lord Lieutenant), Miss Rosina Brandram (his wife), Mr. R. Crompton (an English sergeant of Foot Guards), Mr. R. Rous (chaplain at Dublin Castle), and Miss Blanche Gaston-Murray, who was excellent as Rosie's maid. Mr. Edward German conducted, and the opera secured such a reception as is rare even at the Savoy, where the enthusiasm of old friends is proverbial.

LATEST THEATRICAL AND MUSICAL GOSSIP.

Mr. Weedon Grossmith opens his season at the Avenue with his new play, "The Night of the Party," next Wednesday.

Mr. Martin Harvey has arranged with Mr. Lowenfeld to take the Apollo Theatre for a season. The run of the "Belle of Bohemia" will terminate shortly. Mr. Harvey will commence his season by transferring the "Cigarette Maker's Romance" from the Court Theatre to the Apollo.

Effie Fay is an American artist of great talent. Mr. Frank Glenister, of the London Pavilion, is always on the look out for novelties. In Effie Fay he has made a refreshing and charming discovery.

The last nights of "Mrs. Dane's Defence" are announced. Miss Moore, who has been absent in South Africa for some weeks, will make her reappearance in the cast at Wyndham's Theatre on Thursday, May 2.

Mrs. Brown-Potter has acquired the sole London rights of Sudermann's "Johannesfeuer," and will shortly produce the English version by Miss Alice Greeven and Mr. J. T. Grein.

On Monday next will be produced at the Broadway Theatre, New Cross, Audran's comic opera, "Olivette."

The matinée in aid of the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society is to take place at the Haymarket Theatre on Tuesday next, at 2.30. Among the many attractive features are Sir Henry Irving in "The Story of Waterloo," the first act of "The Second in Command," Mr. Bourchier and Miss Violet Vanbrugh in "The Ninth Waltz," and a recitation by Mr. Lewis Waller, with orchestral accompaniment.

Mr. T. J. Noble, the genial manager of the Bedford Palace of Varieties, will take his second annual benefit at that place of amusement on May 15, when a big programme will be arranged.

THE GALLERY LODGE OF FREEMASONS.

This lodge, which enjoys the unique distinction of being the only lodge in the world exclusively composed of journalists, held their tenth annual ladies' night in the Criterion Restaurant last night. The proceedings were a marked success. Brother L. F. Gowing, of the "Daily Graphic," the W.M., received the guests, with the assistance of Mrs. Gowing, and he afterwards presided. An interesting feature of the programme was the presentation of a gold chain to Mrs. F. W. Brodie, wife of the immediate Past Master, in recognition of her services during her husband's year of office. As usual, the entertainment provided was excellent.

IMPENDING PRUSSIAN MINISTERIAL CRISIS.

Berlin, April 27.—The papers are keenly discussing reports as to an impending Ministerial crisis in the event of the Prussian Landtag rejecting the Canal Bill. If the Prussian Diet refuse to pass the Bill as presented by the Government some Ministers responsible for the Bill must undoubtedly resign, but the Diet is on all sides believed to be prepared to pass it.—Central News.

At Aldershot yesterday, a verdict of accidental death was returned in the case of C. Gallop, of the Irish Guards, who was attached to the Queen's band at Aldershot for a course of instruction. He fell down four steps and died from the injuries sustained.

GARRICK THEATRE

LAST NIGHT.

Under the title of "The Queen's Double," the second dramatisation of the lurid story linking the unhappy Queen Marie Antoinette with the theft of the diamond necklace was last night brought out at the Garrick Theatre, reopened for that undefinable period of time—a season—by Mr. Charles Cartwright. With two plays, having the same subject and the same historic heroine produced in such concurrent competition, it is impossible to avoid the proverbial odiousness of comparison. Both pieces are drawn virtually on identical lines of action, moving with the corresponding characters. Where the Garrick version differs in degree only is primarily in the earlier acts, which follow the historic incident of the necklace pretty closely up to the scene in which the hapless Queen is accused by the Cardinal, supported by the Royal Princes to the King. Louis, however, instead of gallantly refusing to hear his consort's chastity questioned, listens to the charge in silence, and then dismissing the Court, scornfully vituperates her as a wanton. When by proving the forgery of her signature to the letter, she clears herself in his esteem, the interest in her wanes, and is transferred thereafter to her double, Leonie, an her love-passage with a young officer of the guard. This change of heroine is a fault which divides the interest, and therewith the sympathies of the audience, bringing the play to a tame conclusion.

Miss Janette Steer as Marie Antoinette.

In her dual impersonations of the Queen and Leonie, Miss Steer was more natural and effective in the lively portrayal of the light-hearted, high-spirited girl of the people than of the dignity of the stately Marie Antoinette. The two natures, however, were well defined by artistic contrast. Miss Calhoun played the sinister plotter, Jeanne de la Motte, with energetic force; and Miss Lettice Fairfax was sweet as the Queen's friend, Renée. Mr. Mackintosh, as Cardinal de Rohan, was a disappointment, lacking the dignity alike in speech and deportment of a prince of the Church. As King Louis XVI., Mr. Luigi Lablache acted with such courtliness and distinction as is not credited by historians to that Royal locksmith and clockmaker. The rest of the numerous parts, 34 in all, were fairly well supported, making up an efficient cast; and the setting of the piece was, as regards both scenery and costumes, picturesque.

DESERTED SCHOOLMISTRESS.

HEARTLESS BREACH OF PROMISE CASE HEARD AT BIRMINGHAM.

A tale of callous indifference was unfolded in a breach of promise action at Birmingham this week. The plaintiff was Julia Wilkin, formerly a schoolmistress at Tachbrook, near Leamington, and the defendant a wheelwright, named Maycock.—The couple had known each other three years, and plaintiff is about to be a mother. Under Maycock's advice she gave up teaching, and he arranged for her to go into lodgings at Tenbury. While visiting her there, he told her he did not think they could live happily, and refused to carry out his promise of marriage. Before this he had written to plaintiff's married sister:—

> Let me tell you how sorry I am to have brought such awful disgrace upon your family and my own, and I beg your pardon. I am very thankful to know you are willing to be a friend to me. That is more than I expect or deserve. When my friends hear of it I shall get what serves me right, the utter cold shoulder.

He said he would get married, although he had nothing to get married on. His mother would not let him have the bank-book. Writing to plaintiff, he said:—

> I don't know for certain, but I think they can't send me to prison for breach of promise. You know I have no money; my only way would be to "do time," and that will not benefit you. I shall not mind going to prison one bit, as, what with lawyer's letters and threats, I am in a don't-care sort of way.

Later on he declared he could pay nothing towards the child's support out of 18s. 6d. a week.—Plaintiff gave her evidence in tears, and elicited the sympathy of the jury to the extent of £60 damages.

WRECK OF A BRITISH STEAMER.

THE CAPTAIN DROWNED.

Bilbao, April 27.—The British s.s. Propitious was wrecked to-day while attempting to make Bilbao Harbour during a heavy gale. The Propitious had a few hours previously left the port against the advice of the pilot. The steamer was unable to make any headway against the storm, and was forced to rturn to Bilbao for refuge. While passing the breakwater the Propitious was dashed against the structure by a huge wave, and sank within a short time. The crew took to the masts and fired rockets to the shore. Communication between the wreck and the breakwater was soon established, and the seamen were safely landed. Capt. Butler, however, was washed overboard and drowned before the eyes of the crew. The steamer is a total loss. The Propitious is an iron srew steamer of 1,781 gross tonnage, and was built at Sunderland in 1880.—Central News.

Early yesterday morning Ernest James Dawes, of Gratton-terrace, Cricklewood, fell from an engine attached to a goods train on the L.C. and S.E. lines, near Green-lane, Penge, and was cut to pieces. The remains were taken to Penge mortuary to await the inquest.

THE VOLUNTEERS

YESTERDAY.

On the rifle ranges at Ilford members of the 4th V.B. Essex Regt. held a battalion 20 competition, the conditions being seven rounds at 200, 500, and 600 yards, N.R.A. targets, marking, and positions, and the list was headed by Colr.-sergt. A. W. Wise and Pte. Buddery, with aggregates of 95 each, the next in order of merit being Pte. Pavitt and Corpl. J. B. Pitts, with totals of 92 each, Sergt. Matthews 91, Sergt.-maj. W. Shearing 87, Pte. Lockwood 86, and Sergt. Prangley 86.

At Staines, on the ranges of the Metropolitan Rifle Range Co., the annual prize meeting of F Co. of the 16th Middlesex (London Irish) Rifles was held. The conditions were seven rounds kneeling and seven standing at 200 yards, and seven prone at 500 and seven prone at 600 yards, class targets and markings, and the highest scores were those compiled by Sergt. Hope 80, Sergt. Ivory 76, Sergt. Ansell 73, Pte. Gale 72, Colr.-sergt. W. Coppinger 71, Sergt. Tait 70, and Pte. Lipscombe 70. The weather was most unfavourable for shooting.

At Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st., the prizes won last year by the members of E Co. of the 22nd Middlesex Rifles (Central London Rangers) were distributed, and the annual dinner took place, at which Capt. F. F. Hopwood presided, supported by Col. Leese (commanding), Lieut.-col. Coldicott, Capt. Fielder, Lieut. Teuton, and Sergt.-maj. McCarthy. The annual report was an excellent one, and showed that at the close of the official year the efficient strength was 113, and in musketry there were 24 marksmen, of whom Colr.-sergt. Wheeler was the chief. In the drill competition the company won the commanding officer's Challenge Shield (and in consequence represented the regiment at the funeral of her Majesty Queen Victoria), and also the second prize in the regimental guard mounting competition. In shooting the principal winners of prizes were Colr.-sergt. Wheeler, Sergt. Neil, Lce.-sergts. Blake and Norman, Corpl. Cowdery, Ptes. Rowley and Lowe, and Lce.-sergt. Limner. The Section prize was won by Lce.-sergt. Johnson, and Corpl. Newman; and Mrs. Coldicott's prize for "Sentry Reliefs" was won by Corpl. Newman and Ptes. Peters, Aupholz, and Wyth. An excellent musical entertainment formed a portion of the after-dinner proceedings.

On the Bisley ranges members of the 4th V.B. East Surrey Regt. held a long range spoon competition, and of H Co. a shooting club competition. In the first, the conditions were seven rounds at 800, 900, and 1,000 yards, and the leading scores were those compiled by Clr.-sergt. Allard 78, Capt. Arkill 78, Corpl. B. Comber 74, Sergt. Feldwick 70, Clr.-sergt. Martin 67, Sergt. Harverson 63, and Sergt. Lambert 61. The officers held a revolver competition—six shots being fired at 30 yards with alternate hands, and the following won spoons: Capt. Arkill 87, Capt. and Adjt. Leard 51, and Capt. Spencer 50.

Members of the 2nd V.B. Queen's West Kent Regt. held a battalion badge competition at Bisley, the conditions being seven rounds at 200, 500, and 600 yards, N.R.A. targets, marking, and positions, and the leading scores were those of Pioneer Sergt. Smith 90, Pte. Goodsell 89, Pte. Russell 85, Corpl. Morrow 84, Pte. Williams 83, Sergt. Bryant 81, Sergt. Cheesman 81, Bugler Williams 79, Pte. Greenaway 78, Clr.-sergt. Bufield 78, Pte. Fremantle 76, and Sergt. Tebbutt 76.

On the Bisley ranges members of the 1st Middlesex held a championship competition, seven rounds being fired at 200, 500, and 600 yards, and the leading scores were those of Pte. McMullen 89, Pte. W. Wright 85, Sergt. R. E. Jones 83, Pte. Warren 83, Pte. Collman 81, Pte. Hardwicke 81, Corpl. Fairall and Lieut. Pixley 77.

The shooting stage of the interesting competition of the 2nd V.B. Royal Fusiliers for the Friedberger Challenge Trophy and £20 in prizes was carried out on the War Office ranges at Pirbright. The conditions attached to the contest are that each company is represented by one team of not less than 16 rank and file, two sergeants, and one officer, and these teams rendezvous at Woking, and march to Pirbright, a distance of about six miles, which has to be completed in 1½ hours. On arriving at the ranges seven deliberate volleys are fired at 500 yards, and seven rounds independent at targets 4ft. by 8ft., single rank, kneeling, and each hit or ricochet hit counts one point. In arriving at the result of the contest points are awarded or deducted under various heads. The first prize is the challenge cup and £9 in money, the second £7, and the third prize £4. It was impossible to give the result until the scores had been checked and verified and the points added or deducted, as the case may be.

On the Bisley Ranges, members of the 2nd V.B. E. Surrey Regt. held a "King's" and "St. George's" competition, the conditions being 7 rounds at 200, 500, and 600 yards, N.R.A. targets, marking, and positions, and the leading scores were those of Pte. Knapp 87, Pte. Mead 86, Sergt. Poulter 82, Sergt. Lewis 81, Corpl. Ridgley 78, Corpl. Bacon, and Quartermaster-Sergt. Whiteman, 75.

At Bisley, members of the Middlesex Rifle Association held a spoon competition, the conditions being 7 rounds at 200, 500, and 600 yards, N.R.A. regulations, and the list was headed by Capt. P. W. Richardson with a fine total of 97, the next in order of merit being those of Sergt. Duncan and Pte. Chicken 89 each, Pte. Allen 85, Pte. Miles 85, Pte. Skelton 84, Sergt Aldred 81, Maj. Williams 81, and Corpl. Fairall 80.

Members of the 22nd Middlesex Rifles competed on the Bisley Ranges for the "Florence" Challenge Cup and prizes, the conditions being 7 rounds at 200, 500, and 600 yards, N.R.A. targets and marking, and the highest scores were those of Sergt. Sandbrook 81, Corpl. Shadbolt 78, Sergt. Smith, 78, Colr.-sergt. Deal 77, Corpl. Neuman 76, Sergt. Ungley 73, and Pte. Garwood 72.

At Bisley members of the 22nd Middlesex Rifles competed for the Finsbury Rifles Cup and prizes, seven rounds being fired at 200, 500, and 600 yards, N.R.A. regulations, and the principal scores were those compiled by Sergt. King 91, Sergt. Daniells 90, Pte. Morgan 89, Pte. Wootton 88, Colr-sergt. West 86, Pte. McRobbie 84, Pte. Ellis 83, Colr.-sergt. Bastable and Pte. Taylor 82, and Colr.-sergt. Johnson 80.

The annual St. Patrick's ball of the London Irish Rifles will be held on Friday next at Holborn Restaurant.

A large number of Metropolitan corps assembled yesterday for outdoor work. The 13th Middlesex were on Wimbledon Common for outpost practice, the Signalling sections of the W. London Brigade held a signalling practice in Richmond Park, the E. London R.E. (Volunteers) held a rehearsal of inspection movements in Victoria Park, the 2nd Middlesex Rifles mustered in Hyde Park for battalion drill, the 1st Surrey Rifles carried out a tactical exercise on Wimbledon Common, the London Rifle Brigade held field operations in Epping Forest, the members of the signalling sections of corps belonging to the E. London Brigade had a signalling practice at the Tower, and the 2nd Royal West Kent Regt. had a route march.

ELECTION INTELLIGENCE.

PENDING ELECTIONS.

Monmouth Boroughs.—Both Mr. Lawrence (U.) and Mr. Spicer (R.) are active. Nomination, Thursday. Polling, May 7.

Cork (Mid).—Vacancy caused by the death of Dr. C. K. Tanner (N.). The names of Mr. J. O'Connor, Mr. D. Sheehan, and Mr. C. O'Callaghan, are mentioned as probable candidates.

The Halifax I.L.P. have again adopted Councillor Parker. At the General Election he was bottom of the poll with 3,276 votes.

DARING BURGLARY IN PARIS.

Paris, April 27.—A burglary of the most daring description was committed last night at the offices of the American Express Company in the Rue Auber. The thieves, who are supposed to be Americans, blew up a safe with dynamite, and managed to get away with a sum stated at from 25,000 to 30,000 francs.—Central News.

YESTERDAY'S SPORTING

(Continued from page 16.)

GOLF.

HOUSE OF COMMONS v. RANELAGH

This annual match was played on the Ranelagh Club's links, the result being a win for the home side by 16 holes to 11. Details:—Ranelagh Club: Mr. Onslow Traherne 0 holes, Mr. J. H. Neat 0, Sir William Russell 3, Mr. Montrose Cloete 7, Mr. Woodbine Parish 0, Mr. H. Fisher Smith 0, Mr. G. E. Mercer 2, Mr. R. H. Pringle 4; total 16. House of Commons: Mr. C. E. Hambro 8 holes, Mr. H. W. Forster 2, Mr. C. Guy Pym 0, Mr. J. Leslie Wanklyn 0, Mr. A. J. Balfour 1, Hon. A. Lyttelton 0, Mr. H. J. Tollemache 0, Mr. H. Seton Karr 0; total 11.

Royal Epping Forest Club's Monthly Medals.—First-class: H. H. Francis, 76 net. Second-class: H. J. Wood, H. Ridgers, and R. Ford Ridgers tied at 85 net.

Neasden Club.—The McCalmont Hill Scratch Trophy was won by E. H. Tubbs with 79. The Senior Monthly Medal fell to E. H. Tubbs, with 76 net, and the Junior Medal to H. P. Harding with 79 net.

Reigate Heath Club's Spring Meeting.—Gold Medal (scratch): A. C. Collier, 88. Captain's Prize: H. Rosling, 90 net. Monthly Medalist's Prize: W. H. Joyce, 88 net.

Royal Ashdown Forest Club.—Monthly Medal: J. S. Sawyer, 80 net. Yewhurst Clubs: H. M. Braybrooke, 77. Margery Medal (for handicaps over 14): E. Baldock, 74 net.

West Herts Club's Monthly Bogey Medals.—Handicaps of 12 and under: C. E. Ritchie and A. B. Yeates tied with 2 holes up. Handicaps over 12: L. L. Cox, 2 holes down.

Luffness New Club's Spring Meeting.—A. W. Robertson, with a score of 84, won the Lord Leconfield's Merit Scratch Medal; J. I. Gillespie, with 86, the Club's Scratch Medal, and L. G. Thomas, 84 net, the Handicap Silver Quaich.

Romford Club.—The President's Challenge Cup was tied for by Messrs. T. Kemp and C. Darke, with 90 net.

West Herts Club beat Tooting Bec Club in this inter-club match by one hole up.

Stanmore Club A Team beat Northwood Club A team by 6 holes.

Stanmore Club B Team beat Northwood Club B Team by 4 holes.

Crowborough Beacon Club.—T. B. Austin finished 6 holes down in two rounds to bogey, and won the captain's prize.

Cinque Ports Club's Monthly Silver Medal.—H. M. Leggatt and H. Brookman tied at 8 holes down to bogey.

West Drayton Club's Monthly Medals.—Senior: J. Jones and M. Cababe tied at 80 net. Junior: Dr. S. Fraser and Dr. A. Whitfield tied at 75 net.

Royal Wimbledon Club.—P. C. Thornton, 79 net, won the senior monthly medal, and W. H. Oliver, 86 net, the junior medal.

Beckenham Club's Spring Meeting.—Club handicap prize: P. W. Pratt, 86 net. President's prize: T. Sterling, 74 net. Neake's gold medal (scratch): A. J. Ayden, 89.

Bowdon Club.—In the final round for the scratch medal, club championship, and the Lindsell Worthington Challenge Cup, R. O. J. Dallmeyer halved with H. Holden, and the tie will be played off at an early date.

POLO.

The London Polo Club held their first open match when they opposed a team captained by Mr. N. C. Nicholls, the teams being:—London Polo Club: A. A. Stuart, Capt. Leighton, Capt. Neil Haig, and A. A. Gubbs (back); and Vagrants: Messrs. C. Nicholls, E. M. Newman, C. Nick, and W. Hilbens (back). From the outset the Vagrants had the best of play, and after scoring five goals (C. Nick) to London's one goal (Capt. Neil Haig) at half-time, the Vagrants won by 11 goals to London's two. Sir Charles Wolseley umpired.

WHIPPET RACING.

OLD BOW GROUNDS.

The final heat of the 120 yards handicap at these grounds resulted as follows: Mr. McDonald's Reanister, 16½lb., 2 yard start, 1; Mr. Harry's Sophy, 14½lb., 15yds., 2; Mr. Bailey's Jerry, 15lb., 23, 3. Won by inches.

QUOITS.

H. Wilson and W. Blackman.—This match was played at the Rose Club, Bromley. Score—Wilson, 31; Blackman, 27.

AUTOMOBILISM.

MOTOR MEET AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

A successful motor meeting was held at the Crystal Palace, when the English Motor Club carried through a series of contest races over a two-mile course. An item of especial interest was the speed test, in which the winners attained a speed of 35 miles an hour. Results:—Motor bicycles: J. E. Leonard, 6min. 17sec. Motor cycles (with free engines): C. Jarrott, 6min. 3 3-5sec. Motor cycles (free engines barred): J. W. Stocks, 6min. 3 3-5sec. Voiturettes: C. Jarrott, 5min. [illegible] Cars from 6 to 12-horse-power: H. de Cos, 6min. 27sec. Cars over 12-horse-power: Hon. C. S. Rolls, 5min. 15sec. Racing Cars: Hon. C. S. Rolls, 5min. 51sec. Steam Cars: H. S. Abbott, 5min. 4sec. Electric Cars: Shippey Bros., 9min. 36 3-5sec. 300yds. speed test: Deadheat between the Hon. C. S. Rolls and C. Jarrott at 12 3-5sec.

WEIGHT LIFTING.

At the Central Weight Lifting Club, High Holborn, a number of interesting competitions were decided. In the light-weight lifting event Braddish lifted 449lb. and won, his lifts being 98lb. left hand, 100lb. right, 110lb. two bells, 140lb. bar bell. In the 10st. event, Pett lifted 542lb. and won, his lifts being 154lb. two bells, 100lb. left hand, 105lb. right, and 100lb. bar bell. In the 12st. event Rate lifted 640lb. and won, his lifts being 179lb. two bells, 126lb. left hand, 150 right, 190 bar bell.

SALE OF GREYHOUNDS AT BARBICAN.

No fewer than 130 lots were catalogued for the greyhound sale at Barbican, at which there was a fair muster of Southern coursers. Considerable interest was manifested in the disposal of Mr. Arthur Dunmore's third season dog, Dear Cardigan, by Pleasanton—Beatrice Cartwright, but after some steady bidding the dog was bought in at 300gs., and it is reported he will go to the stud. There was a [illegible] a sensational [illegible] saplings by Gallant—Sleeping Beauty, made 10gs., and [illegible] 147gs. A sapling by Fiery Furnace—[illegible] made 40gs., and Fury 40gs., several being disposed of from these priced down to 3gs.

SHOOTING AT THE GUN CLUB.

There was a good attendance of members in the famous enclosure on Wormwood Scrubbs. A field of 23 subscribed a "fiver" each to the Spring Handicap Sweepstakes, with £30 cup or specie added. It was over at the sixth round, when Mr. C. Collier (27) and Mr. H. C. Bentley (26) were left in, and agreed to a division of the £140 in the pool. Mr. St. James (23) was third. The 25yds. £3 Sweepstakes closed with six entries, and also resulted in a division, Mr. Fordera and Mr. Harold Barker agreeing to share £4 when they were level with scores of 10 each.

THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD'S ANTI-BETTING BILL.

This drastic measure, introduced into the House of Lords by the Bishop of Hereford, has excited a great deal of comment and consternation among sporting men generally, and a meeting will be held on Wednesday next for the purpose of organising opposition to it.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

New York, April 27.—Wheat closed strong ½c. to 1½c. higher; flour firm; corn unsettled, with May ½c. down, and other months unchanged to ½c. up; lard steady, and 24 points down; coffee steady, with quotations 5 to 15 points up; cotton steady, 1 to 5 points higher; petroleum unaltered; sugar firm; tin steady; iron and copper quiet.—At Chicago: Wheat closed strong, 1½c. dearer all round; corn firm unchanged to ½c. up; provisions steady; lard 2½ points down; pork 10 to 12½ points dearer; ribs 2½ points up for May and 5 points down.

New York, April 27.—Although the New York Exchange has been closed to-day, business was done on the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange. The Consolidated closings, compared with New York's closings yesterday, generally showed advances.

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YESTERDAY'S LAW AND POLICE.

Admiralty Division.

CLAIM FOR TOWAGE.

Justice Barnes, assisted by Trinity Masters, had before him a claim by the Elliott Steam Tug Co. against the owners of the barque Superb for towage services and damages amounting to £512, for the detention of their vessel, The Warrior, at Vigo.—Plaintiffs' case was that on the representations of the Superb's agents that the ship was in a fit and seaworthy condition they contracted to tow her from Gibraltar to Middlesborough in February last for £700. During the towage, however, the master of the Superb declared that his vessel was not in a fit state to cross the Bay of Biscay, and there ordered the Warrior to take her into Vigo, where a detention of 21 days occurred. Plaintiffs claimed that the contract should be set aside on the ground of mutual mistake or fraudulent misrepresentation, and that the court should award such sum, in addition to the £700, for the extra towage as it might deem just.—Defendants, who paid the £700 into court, contended that the deviation into Vigo was rendered necessary by a heavy gale.—His lordship, who said the charge of fraudulent misrepresentation was all nonsense, held that the plaintiffs could not recover more than the £700 provided for in the contract, and entered judgment for defendants with costs.

Chancery Division.

THEATRICAL LOSSES.

Before Justice Cozens-Hardy was a petition under the Companies Act for the reduction of the capital of the Grand Theatre, Islington.—Mr. Simmons, in support of the petition, said the company was incorporated in 1886. In the course of its business it had lost a sum of £28,260, and resolutions for reduction had been passed in consequence. The nominal capital of the company was £80,000. The matter had been before Mr. Farwell, but had stood over from time to time through a variety of accidents. Another accident was the burning of the theatre.—Finally, his lordship adjourned the petition, giving liberty to amend.

King's Bench Division.

LADY SINGERS.

Before Justice Mathew, Miss Maggie Davies sued Miss Lucy Clarke to recover £55 2s. for services rendered during a concert tour in S. Wales.—Plaintiff's case was that she was engaged for a tour in S. Wales by Mr. Vert on behalf of Miss Clarke, and sang in different towns from Nov. 26 to Dec. 4 last year at a salary of 35 guineas a week with first-class railway fare and expenses. Plaintiff expected her salary in the ordinary way from Mr. Vert, but did not receive it. Although Miss Clarke had offered £10 on account, plaintiff refused to accept the money as she wished it to come through Mr. Vert. After waiting two or three months, Mr. Vert referred her to Miss Clarke. It was not till then that the latter put forward her husband, Mr. Richard Elliott, as principal. A letter was produced showing that Miss Davies was engaged for Miss Lucy Clarke's Welsh concert tour. Evidence was also given by the agent, and it was finally agreed that judgment should be entered in favour of plaintiff for the amount claimed, with costs.

JUDGES DISAGREED.

A special court, composed of Justices Grantham, Kennedy, and Darling, resumed the hearing of Crow v. the Board of Works for the District of Whitechapel.—The case had previously been argued before Justices Kennedy and Darling, but the learned judges disagreed, and the matter came up again before an additional judge. The case arose out of a summons taken out against the local authority by Mr. Crow, district surveyor, for not having given him notice, under the London Building Act, 1894, before commencing the construction of a number of boxes or inspection chambers under the streets in the district for the purpose of electric lighting. The summons was heard by Mr. Dickinson, at the Thames Police Court, in June last, when the magistrate fined the Whitechapel Board of Works the nominal penalty of 10s., and costs, and it was against that decision that the present appeal was made.—Judgment reserved.

Old Bailey Trials.

(Before the Recorder.)

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A PRIEST

James Francis Layard, a Roman Catholic priest, on bail, was indicted for having committed an alleged act of impropriety with another person at St. Lawrence Jewry Church, Gresham-st., E.C.—Defendant pleaded not guilty.—The principal witness for the prosecution was David Mills, verger of the church, who said on the afternoon of 18th inst. he saw Layard come into the outer lobby of the church accompanied by another man. He subsequently caught hold of accused and told him that he should detain him. The vicar came out, and accused, who was very violent, was given into custody. The second man rushed away.—The Rev. S. Barraes, vicar of St. Lawrence Jewry, said that hearing a scuffle he went to ascertain the cause and found defendant struggling with the verger. Defendant said, "I have done nothing, let me go." Accused was taken to the police station.—Defendant went into the witness-box and gave on oath an emphatic denial to the charge.—Mr. Gill, K.C., for the defence, called a number of gentlemen who had been acquainted with defendant many years, and they all gave him an irreproachable character.—Father Higgins, Stroud Green, defendant's superior, said no one who knew the accused intimately could believe him guilty of the conduct alleged.—Mr. Gill argued that the evidence for the prosecution was wholly unreliable.—The Recorder said the jury ought to acquit if any reasonable doubt existed in their minds as to guilt. They found the defendant not guilty, and he was discharged.

(Before the Common Serjeant.)

MURDEROUS ASSAULT

William Flemming, 25, coal porter, and James King, 42, stoker, were convicted of breaking and entering a warehouse of the London and India Dock Co., and stealing various articles.—King was indicted further for violently assaulting P.C.'s Ainsworth and Green, in the service of the dock company, with the view to resist lawful apprehension.—On the night of April 10 the premises were left secure, but at 11.30 the constables discovered one of the locks broken off. On entering they saw Flemming breaking open some cases. A violent struggle took place, and whilst this was going on King came from behind some bales and knocked Ainsworth insensible with a blow on the head from a jemmy. He also wounded Green. Both men escaped from the warehouse, but were ultimately apprehended. — King called witnesses to prove an alibi.—He was sentenced to seven years, and Flemming to 18 months.

HIGHWAY ROBBERIES.

Henry Clark, 19; Albert Charles White, 18; Charles George Martin, 17; and James Cook, 18, were convicted of a highway robbery on Thomas Bunting, a sailor, at West Ham, and stealing from him £2 8s. 6d.—Prisoners called witnesses to prove an alibi, but the Common Serjeant said he did not believe their evidence, and disallowed the whole of their expenses.—Previous convictions were proved.—Clark was sentenced to three years' penal servitude, White and Martin each to 18 months, and Cook to 12 months.——Richard Connelly, 20, was convicted of a highway robbery with violence on William Haskins on the night of Nov. 7 last year, in Hermes-st., Clerkenwell.—Two men who took part in the robbery were captured on the spot, and were now in gaol.—Several previous convictions were proved, and prisoner was sentenced to 12 months.

Guildhall.

WELL CAUGHT.

William Johnson, packing case maker, was charged with stealing a purse containing 15s., from the person of Miss Clara Flint, an American lady, staying at Princes-sq., Bayswater. — Plain-clothes P.C. Ballard was looking over Holborn Viaduct on Friday afternoon, and saw accused rush up to prosecutrix, who was passing along Farringdon-st., and snatch the purse from her hand. He then bolted up the Viaduct steps, but only to meet the officer, who took him to Snow Hill Police Station.—Remanded.

SUFFERING FROM SPASMS.

Robert Harrison, labourer, was charged with assaulting the police.—P.C. Alabaster said he was called to eject prisoner from a public-house in Milton-st. on Friday evening. When outside prisoner commenced to shout and sing at the top of his voice, but when the officer caught hold of him to remove him he struck him in the chest, tripped him up, and threw him in the road, and he was nearly run over.—In answer to the charge prisoner said he had been suffering from spasms, and had had a few drops of brandy, which made him hilarious.—10s., or seven days.

Marylebone.

KEEPING A BIRTHDAY.

Herman Bodach, hairdresser, William-st., St. Pancras, charged Nicholas Rosengrens, bootmaker, Gower-place, with assault.—Prosecutor's head and face were heavily bandaged, and he appeared to have been badly injured.—The previous afternoon, he said, prisoner came to his shop, and said it was his birthday, and having known him 15 years witness "treated him well with beer." As a matter of fact he was drunk when he came, but witness gave him 2½ pints of beer notwithstanding, and then went into the back parlour and laid down and went to sleep. He had not been asleep long, however, when prisoner entered the room and demanded more drink, and as it was refused he broke a jug in witness's face. Up to the time of being struck, witness added, he was fast asleep.—Magistrate: What, asleep when you refused him more drink?—Witness: Yes, certainly. I distinctly heard him say while I was sleeping, "Give me another 2d. I want more beer."—Magistrate: And that took place while you were asleep?—Witness: Just so.—P.C. 332 S said both men were drunk, and prosecutor was covered with blood. Prisoner declared they had had a fight.—Discharged.

Westminster.

WEST-END JEWEL ROBBERIES.

George Howard, 34, bookmaker's clerk, was charged with stealing jewellery of considerable value from various mansions and flats in the West End. The charge gone into was that of stealing from 6, Park-rd., Albert Gate, diamond rings, brooches, bracelets, etc., valued at £200, the property of Mr. T. A. Skeate. A second charge was that of stealing in June from 6, Wilton-cres., brooches, emerald and ruby bracelets, diamond rings, etc., to the value of £1,280, the property of Mrs. G. Arbuthnot.—Det.-insp. Hayter said prisoner was found under suspicious circumstances at Prince's Gate, Knightsbridge, on Friday evening. He was taken to the police-station, and as a result of inquiries he was identified by two persons whose apartments had been robbed. Pretending, as a rule, to be an electric wireman, he had obtained access to various rooms, and after he had left jewel cases were found to have been ransacked.—Mrs. Louisa Skeate identified prisoner as a man she saw in her house at Park-row on Jan. 27 of last year. She asked him his business, and he replied that he had been repairing the chimney-stack of the flat next door, and had accidentally let some bricks fall on the roof of her house. Witness told him he had permission to ascertain the extent of the damage. Several hours later she discovered that her jewel-box had been ransacked, and property worth at least £200 stolen.—Remanded.

A SUSPECT DISCHARGED.

Arthur White, 30, compositor, was charged, on remand, as a suspected person attempting to pick pockets on Primrose Day at Lord Beaconsfield's statue, in Parliament-sq.—The police evidence was that prisoner made several attempts to get at ladies' pockets.—A solicitor for the defence now said that a mistake had been made. Prisoner was a man of unblemished character.—Mr. Sheil said prisoner had behaved in an extraordinary manner.—Discharged.

West London.

ATTACK ON A BARMAID.

Patrick McKay, 23, porter, no home, was charged with violently assaulting Gertrude Walker, barmaid at the Chaise and Horses public-house, King-st., Hammersmith.—Complainant, who had her head in bandages, said prisoner entered the house on Friday and she had to expostulate with him for annoying a blind man. Thereupon accused threatened to smack her face. This threat he at once carried out, and she in retaliation aimed a lemonade bottle at him, but it missed him. He then seized an earthenware jug full of water and hurled it at her, striking her on the head. She was badly cut.—Prisoner said she aggravated him to do it.—Insp. Hore, who saw complainant, said she seemed to be very badly hurt.—Remanded.

Southwark.

DISORDERLY HOUSES.

Joseph Turner, 38, and Bessie Smith, 24, were charged with keeping a disorderly house in Tiverton-st., Newington.—Chief-insp. Bonner stated that this had been a disorderly house for 20 years. — Mr. Topham, who prosecuted, stated that these prisoners had not been convicted before.—Prisoners pleaded guilty, and Mr. Budden, who appeared for Smith, stated that she was merely a servant.—Turner fined £20 or three months' imprisonment, and Smith £10 or one month.——Eliza Greenaway, 30, alias Eliza Herbert, was charged with assisting in the management of a disorderly house in Commercial-rd., and further with having been previously convicted for a similar offence. Nelson Greenaway, 30, alias Charles Greenaway, and Charles Carpenter, dealer, were charged with permitting such premises to be so used.—Mr. Smith, who prosecuted, stated that the place was nominally a coffee-shop. The prisoners had since vacated it.—The woman sentenced to four months' imprisonment, and the men to two months.

Lambeth.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.

Selina Randall, 55, of Leeson-rd., Brixton, was charged with assaulting her husband by throwing a poker at him.—Prosecutor stated that early yesterday prisoner threw a poker at him and cut his head open.—Mr. Hopkins: What were you quarrelling about?—Prosecutor: We had a few words. One word brought up another. She hit me in the eye first, but I took no notice of that. I got up and she threw the poker at me and knocked me senseless.—Mr. Hopkins: Is she a violent woman?—Prosecutor: She has a nasty temper.—Prisoner: I have not a nasty temper. You beat and knock me about, and it is only 12 months ago that you had 14 days from here. I threw the poker at you because you used filthy talk in the presence of my dear children.—Mr. Hopkins: When were you convicted of assaulting her?—Prosecutor: About 12 months ago. I had 14 days.—Mr. Hopkins: Did you hit her last night?—Prosecutor: Well, I believe I did.—Remanded.

THE HEAVIEST BRITISH SUBJECT.

A paragraph in last week's "People," recording the funeral of Mr. S. Ballard, the heaviest man in Kent (61 years of age; weight, 36 stone), has brought us several letters giving us particulars of "a living wonder" in Mr. Thomas Longley, of Dover, who, according to our correspondence, is the heaviest man, not only in his Majesty's dominions, but in the world. His residence is at the Star Inn, Dover, where he is always pleased to receive visitors. He was born in Dover in 1848, and brought up to the business of a butcher, which trade his father carried on for many years in Snargate-st. His weight is 42 stone; measurement—chest, 70 inches; waist, 85 inches; calf of leg, 26 inches; height, 6 feet 1 inch; and he is a well-educated and intelligent man.

Brentford.

THROUGH THE TELEPHONE.

Alfred Cooper, 30, labourer, Junction-rd., Acton, and Benjamin Harrison, 30, of Belle-rd., Acton, were charged, on remand, with stealing six ducks and a fowl. The evidence, as reported previously, showed that prisoners were seen in the garden of West Lodge, Ealing, by a man repairing the telephone wires, and he sent a message along the line to a man some distance off, and the gardener was informed. A chase then took place along the railway line. The men got away, but P.C. 372 X picked up the birds in a basket and wrapped in a coat. They were afterwards arrested in their own homes from the descriptions given by an engine-driver who had seen them on the line.—Cooper three months and Harrison one.

Croydon.

THE TEMPTERS.

John Tapsell, Egerton-rd., Croydon, was charged on three summonses with frequenting Station-rd., S. Norwood, for the purpose of betting.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and Det. Easter deposed to seeing him receive slips of paper bearing the names of London Pride, Lodge, My Girl, and Intimidater.—The chairman remarked that this sort of thing got other people into trouble. The bench had just had before them a young fellow who owed his downfall entirely to betting. They were determined to put a stop to this sort of nefarious trading, and the defendant would have to pay fines amounting to £15 and costs, or three months.

ALL THROUGH BETTING

James Henry Scrivener, butcher's assistant, Milton-rd., Croydon, was charged with embezzling sums of money of his employer, Francis Morris, butcher, St. James's-rd.—Prosecutor said he paid prisoner 22s. a week and his board. The sums mentioned in the charge had been paid by customers, but were not accounted for. Prisoner offered to repay if witness would look over it.—Det. Pinch proved the arrest, and stated that prisoner said: "This is all through horse racing." In his possession witness found racing cards and sporting papers. Prisoner pleaded guilty.—Prosecutor said there were about 13 other cases, beginning as soon as witness purchased the business in February.—The Chairman said it was not a case of sudden temptation, as prisoner had robbed his employer from the very first. A sum of £4 found on him would be returned to the prosecutor, and he would have three months.

YESTERDAY'S INQUESTS.

TOO MANY WIVES

Mr. Hicks held an inquest on John Fuller, 43, cab-driver, of Broadway-avenue, Croydon, whose mutilated body was found on the railway at Wandsworth Common at midnight on Tuesday. A portion of his coat was discovered on an engine at Norwood Junction.—Elizabeth Fuller identified the deceased as her husband, and said he was a very steady man. On Tuesday he was at Epsom with his horse and cab, driving people from the station to the racecourse.—Coroner: Were you married to him?—Witness: He married me 14 years ago.—Coroner: Have you your marriage lines? Where were you married?—Witness: At Thornton Heath. I cannot remember the church.—The coroner said he must ask witness to bring the information next time.—Witness said her husband already had a wife living when he married her.—The coroner said the witness could not be blamed if Fuller committed bigamy.—A brother of the deceased declared that Fuller had two christian names, and was 47 years of age.—Mrs. Fuller: My husband was "plain John," and he was 43.—Inquiry adjourned.

OUR ALIENS

Dr. Wynn Westcott held an inquest on Mary Kolvitna, the newly-born child of a Lithuanian bamboo-worker, of Kossuth Buildings, Boundary-st.—The father, whose evidence was interpreted, stated that he had been in England three years. The child was born on Tuesday night, but neither midwife or doctor was present, and no one had been engaged to attend the woman. A doctor was called in afterwards, and found the child dead. Witness earned from 15s. to £1 per week, and out of that paid 6s. 6d. for rent.—Coroner: Not a very fat living after all. Hardly worth while coming from Russia for.—Dr. Swyer stated that he found the child dead. No attention had been paid at birth, and that was the cause of death.—Coroner: Why didn't this man make arrangements to have his wife attended to properly?—Interpreter: He says he didn't know what to do.—Doctor: These people rarely do; they leave it all to chance.—Coroner: Does he not recognise that it is his duty to see that his wife is looked after properly?—Interpreter: Yes.—The coroner said that owing to the peculiar habits of these people, it did not appear customary to seek the aid of a midwife or doctor. If the children did not live so much the better in that country. In England, however, a man was expected to look after his wife at such times, and if these people lived here they would have to conform to our laws. If such a thing happened again, or any harm came to the woman, the husband would stand a good chance of being sent for trial on a charge of manslaughter. (To the interpreter): Tell the father he had better go back to Lithuania if he doesn't like it.—Verdict according to medical evidence.

KILLED BY A BICYCLE

Mr. Carr held an inquest on John Samuel Moulding, 58, fishmonger, of High-rd., Tottenham.—The widow stated that at 10 p.m. on Thursday week she and her husband alighted from a tramcar opposite their shop. Her husband walked round the back of the car to see if the road was clear for her to cross, and had barely stepped clear of the car when he was run into by a cyclist, and knocked down. His head struck the ground with great violence, and when picked up he was unconscious, and remained so till his death on Thursday last. The occurrence was so sudden that neither her husband or the cyclist could have avoided it. Deceased was insured in the Accidental for £1,000, and had only paid the premium on the morning he was injured.—Other witnesses stated that the affair was a pure accident, and Dr. Scott having stated that death was due to fracture of the skull, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

FALL FROM A TRAMCAR

Dr. Thomas held an inquest on James Albert Alston, 61, pensioned post-office official, Athelstan-rd., Finsbury Park.—Thomas Downs, Cloudesley-rd., Islington, stated that on Sunday last, while on a tramcar near the terminus in Gray's Inn-rd., deceased, his father-in-law, got up and went to go down the steps, witness following him. There was a sudden jerk as if caused by the brake having been taken off. This caused deceased to fall head first over the side rail into the road. Witness went at once to him, and found that he was insensible, so he was removed to hospital.—George Jones, inspector to the N. Met. Tramway, stated that he saw the car pull up at the terminus, there being only two passengers on the top. The driver applied the brake and before the horses were changed deceased fell into the roadway. The car was at a standstill when the deceased began to descend.—Dr. Tweedie, of the Royal Free Hospital, proved that death was due to a fracture of the base of the skull.—Verdict, accidental death.

IN THE DIVORCE COURT.

AN UNFAITHFUL WIFE

Fryers v. Fryers and Sayles.—William Fryers, chimney sweep, of Lancaster, sought a dissolution of his marriage on the ground of his wife's adultery with co-respondent, at Gerrard-st., Lancaster.—The parties were married in 1884, at Lancaster. There were no children. Petitioner made the acquaintance of co-respondent seven years ago, and respondent subsequently became acquainted with him. He was told they had been seen walking out together, so he spoke to his wife about it. She said she would ask Sayles to stop seeing her. During the following two years people were continually telling him that respondent and co-respondent were going out together, but in the face of her denial petitioner believed her. On Dec. 8 last she appeared to be ill, and he got a doctor in. The doctor recommended a change for her. He sent her to some relations in Preston. Correspondence was carried on between them, but on Dec. 16, not having heard from her, he went to her, and she told him that she was not going back to him. Subsequently he found that she was living with Sayles in Gerrard-st., Lancaster.—Decree nisi, with costs.

MILITARY SUIT.

Evans v. Evans.—Petition by the wife, Mrs. Anne Thomasin Evans, for dissolution of marriage on the ground of the alleged misconduct and desertion of her husband, Col. Charles W. H. Evans, an officer in the Army.—Mr. Pritchard, for petitioner; there was no defence.—The parties were married in Ireland in 1888, at which time respondent was a lieutenant in the West Kent Regiment, but afterwards he was appointed adjutant of the 1st Volunteer battalion of the regiment, and the petitioner lived at Tonbridge. In the March of 1897 respondent was ordered to India, and served through the frontier war. While respondent was away Mrs. Evans was at Lausanne, and he allowed her £200 per annum. In 1898 the respondent returned to England, but he had to go back to India. Mrs. Evans had been much disturbed by the discovery of

A LETTER IN ONE OF HIS BOXES,

and further, he failed to meet her at Charing Cross Station when he was leaving for India, as he had arranged to do. Subsequently he wrote to her from on board ship at Aden. When the allowance petitioner received from respondent was stopped she caused inquiries to be made, when it was discovered that between September, 1899, and June, 1900, respondent constantly visited and stayed with a lady at Stanley Mansions, Fulham-rd. Respondent had put in an answer denying the allegations in the petition, and also making counter-charges against the petitioner, which, however, had been withdrawn.—Petitioner gave evidence to the above effect, and a caretaker from Stanley Mansions identified in court Col. Evans and the lady.—Decree nisi with costs, petitioner to have the custody of the children.

WAR CORRESPONDENT DIVORCED.

Story v. Story.—Petition by the wife for dissolution of marriage with respondent, Robert Douglas Story, war correspondent with the Boers, on the ground of misconduct and cruelty. The misconduct was alleged with a lady named Ford.—Mr. G. Stephenson, for petitioner, said the marriage took place in July, 1890, at the Roxburgh Hotel, Edinburgh, and after the ceremony they came to London and lived at Wellesley Mansions, West Kensington. While there respondent put his wife into a cold water bath with all her clothes on, she being in indifferent health at the time. In December, 1899 he went to South Africa for the "Daily Mail," and was with the Boers at Pretoria. On his return in July, 1900, Mrs. Story met him at Southampton, and he then had with him Mrs. Freda Ford, who travelled to London with them. He

TOOK LITTLE NOTICE OF HIS WIFE,

and paid a great deal of attention to Mrs. Ford. He afterwards went to Ostend, taking Mrs. Ford with him, and he also took her to Manchester and Edinburgh, where he introduced the lady to his parents as a lady he had been asked to take charge of from Edinburgh to London. Before this, petitioner and respondent had gone to live in Colville-ter., Kensington. Petitioner, who had been away on a visit, returned, and found Mrs. Ford installed there. Mrs. Story subsequently left her husband, and since that respondent had stayed at a house in Guildford-st. with Mrs. Ford.—Petitioner gave evidence to the above effect, and other witnesses spoke to the cruelty alleged and as to the identification of respondent while he was delivering his lectures on the Boer war at Manchester and other places.—Decree nisi, with costs.

MUSIC-HALL ARTISTE'S PETITION.

Before Sir Francis Jeune, the case of McAvoy v. McAvoy was down for hearing on Thursday. This was the petition of Mrs. F. McAvoy, better known as "Vesta Victoria," for a judicial separation from her husband, Mr. F. McAvoy, manager of the Euston Theatre of Varieties.—Mr. C. F. Gill, for petitioner, said the court would not be troubled with the case, the parties having come to an arrangement. He asked that the case be allowed to go into the Reserve List pending the drawing up of a deed.—His lordship: Very well.

LAW NOTICES.—Monday.

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE.—COURT OF APPEAL.—Court I.—At 11.—Before the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Collins, and Lord Justice Romer.—For Judgment.—From the King's Bench Division (Final List).—Leslie and Co. (Limited) v. The Managers of the Metropolitan Asylums District. Original Motion: In re the Married Woman's Property Act, 1882: Herbert Meggett v. May Meggett. Before the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Vaughan Williams, and Lord Justice Romer.—Appeals from the King's Bench Division (Final List): Manderkes v. Morrison (Commercial Court), part heard.—The Milford Docks Co. v. The Milford Haven Urban District Council—Attorney-General and Others v. Whitmore—Huntingdon and Others v. The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company (Railway and Canal Commission). Court II.—At 11.30.—Before Lord Justice Collins and Lord Justice Stirling.—Appeal Motions, ex parte from the King's Bench and Admiralty Divisions. Original Motion: Reffell's Brewery (Limited) v. Hughes. Appeals from King's Bench Division (Interlocutory List): Walker v. Blandell. Peuch (Limited) and Others, part heard—Webb and Another v. Creber—Waterhousfield and Another—Whittel v. Californian Fig Syrup Company—Veil and Another v. A. Brott and Co.—Societa Bancaria Milanese v. Luce Andreoni. Notice.—The parties to any Chancery Final Appeals who are prepared to consent to a hearing before two Judges only are requested to communicate with the Cause Clerk, Room 136.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.—CHANCERY DIVISION.—Court I.—At 10.30.—In Court.—Before Mr. Justice Kekewich.—Chamber Summonses. Court II.—At 10.30.—In Court.—Before Mr. Justice Byrne.—Chamber Summonses. Court III.—At 10.30.—In Court.—Before Mr. Justice Cozens-Hardy.—Westralia and West Africa (Limited) v. G. P. Ernest (by order). Chamber Summonses. Lord Chancellor's Court.—At 10.30.—Before Mr. Justice Farwell.—Governor and Company of the New River v. Wilmot. In re Matthews: Matthews v. Matthews (by order). Cause for Trial (with Witnesses): Lyddon and Co. v. Thomas. Court IV.—At 10.30.—Before Mr. Justice Buckley.—In Camera.—Motion: Bainbridge v. Prest (by order). Cause for Trial (with Witnesses): Hawkes v. Leyton Urban District Council, part heard. King's Bench Court I.—At 11.—Before Mr. Justice Joyce. For Judgment: In re Parson: Parson v. Parson. Causes for Trial (with Witnesses): Abrahams v Payne, part heard—Peacock v. Guest (restored)—The Financial and General Syndicate (Limited) v. Gray—Worsley v. Rotler.

KING'S BENCH DIVISION.—Lord Chief Justice's Court.—At 11.—Before the Lord Chief Justice of England and Mr. Justice Lawrance.—Ex parte Motions (on the Crown Side). Crown Paper: Edwards v Smith—Middleton v Mayor, &c. of Hyde—Rye v S. E. and C. Railway Co.—Cowell v Yorkshire, &c., Assurance.—Newman v Kirkwood—Duckworth v Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Co.—Roberts v Young—Thomson v Stephens—Jones v Walter—Stead v Nicholas. Court I.—Divisional Court.—At 11.—Before Mr. Justice Kennedy and Mr. Justice Phillimore.—Ex parte Motions (on the Civil Side). Opposed Motions (on the Civil Side): In re an Arbitration between Eyre Coote and Taylor—Beare v "Ye Mecca" Provincial (Limited). Special Paper: In re an Arbitration between Ford and Co. and Bemrose and Sons (special case)—Howard v Gwynn (special case)—Lamb and Another v Rees—In re an Arbitration between the Brush Electrical Engineering Co. and the Governor of Malta (special case). Court VII.—At 10.45.—Sittings in Bankruptcy.—Before Mr. Justice Wright.—Motions: In re Stainer—In re Plummer—In re Pilling—In re Adie—In re Chapman—In re Weinbaum—In re James. Court IX.—At 11.—Before Mr. Justice Mathew.—Middlesex Actions. — Special Juries: Matcham v Northern Theatres Co. (Limited), part heard—Kemp-Welch v Corruganza Manufacturing Co.—Whitehead v R. White and Sons (Limited). Court V.—At 10.30.—Before Mr. Justice Grantham.—Middlesex Actions.—Special Juries: Trower v Wooder, part heard—Paquin (Limited) v Robinson—Golden Grain Bread Co. (Limited) v London and Provincial Dairy Co. (Limited). Court VIII.—At 11.—Before Mr. Justice Bruce.—Middlesex Actions.—Special Juries: Burt v Staniforth—Miller v Barrow. Court II.—At 10.45.—Before Mr. Justice Ridley.—Middlesex Actions.—Common Juries: Kendall v Middleton-Osborne v Quarry Publishing Co. (Limited)—Rogers v Fuchs—Bailey v Davies—John Brinsmead and Sons (Limited) v Ross. Court IV.—At 10.30.—Before Mr. Justice Bigham.—Commercial Summonses. At 11.—Commercial List: Francis, Times, and Co., v Meade, part heard. Court III.—At 11.—Before Mr. Justice Channell.—Middlesex Actions.—Common Juries: New Wharncliffe Coal Co. v Allars—Honey v Winfield—Hart v Rogers—Fraser and Son v Piper—Pulido Mining Co. (Limited) v Montefiore.

PROBATE, DIVORCE, AND ADMIRALTY DIVISION.—Court I.—At 11.—Before Sir Francis H. Jeune, President.—Probate and Divorce Summonses. At 12.—Probate Motions. Divorce Motions. Probate Action: Hills and Another v Oliver. Undefended Divorce Causes: Walker, M. I. v Walker, J. J.—Mellor v Mellor and Buckley—Slim v Slim, Slim, and Smith—Guthrie, G. S. v Guthrie, R. G.—Fitness, L. M. v Fitness, G. H.—Beech, G. L. v Beech, H. J. G. Court II.—At 11.—Before Mr. Justice Gorell Barnes.—Admiralty Summonses (with Trinity Masters): Closeburn—Veritas—Ardleton—Lord Warwick.

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THE WAR.

A BOER AMBUSH.

MAJ. TWYFORD KILLED.

A GALLANT RESISTANCE.

Pretoria, April 23.—Maj. Twyford and a small escort, while proceeding to Lydenburg from Machadodorp to join the Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment) fell into an ambush near Badfontein. The scene of the disaster was in a valley near the Crocodile River. The men made a gallant resistance, and refused to surrender; eventually Maj. Twyford was shot, and the men overpowered.—Laffan.

Maj. E. H. S. Twyford, who was killed near Badfontein, was only appointed to the Royal Scots (Lothian Regt.) in February, being transferred from the Scottish Rifles. He joined the Army in 1883 as a lieutenant, and was promoted captain in 1894 and major in 1899. Maj. Twyford served with the Chin-Lushai Expeditionary Force in 1889 as Transport Officer, receiving a medal with clasp. Deceased officer had been in South Africa from the commencement of the present campaign, with the 2nd Scottish Rifles, who took part in the Ladysmith Relief Force, and was present at the battle of Colenso. He was also in the engagements, among others, at Spion Kop, Vaal Krantz, and Pieter's Hill, being severely wounded in the last-named, but soon recovered, and took part in the relief of Ladysmith. Subsequently he served with Sir Francis Clery in the Transvaal.

IMPORTANT CAPTURES.

DESPATCHES FROM LORD KITCHENER.

From Lord Kitchener to the War Office:—

Pretoria, April 21.—Since my last report the columns have captured 242 prisoners, 248 rifles, some ammunition waggons and carts. A few men have also come in and surrendered.

The report alluded to by Lord Kitchener in the foregoing despatch was issued by the War Office, last night, as follows:—Captures since April 16 by Blood, Beatson, Plumer, Kitchener, Benson:—Eight-one prisoners, 20 surrenders, 100,000 rounds small arm ammunition, 200 horses; numerous waggons and cattle.

Pretoria, April 25.—From Lord Kitchener to the War Office:—

Following captures reported since my last telegram:—113 prisoners, 10 surrenders, 138 rifles, 96 horses, one 12-pounder Krupp gun, 15,000 small arm ammunition, six Boers killed. The 4.7 gun taken at Helvetia was found destroyed; also one Maxim destroyed. Considerable numbers of waggons and cattle taken. Our casualties one man killed; Lieut. Beatty, Victorians, and seven men slightly wounded.

According to an official statement (says Reuter's Pretoria correspondent) the following captures have been made since the last summary was issued:—Three hundred and fifty-five prisoners, 366 rifles, one 12-pounder Krupp, 15,000 rounds of ammunition. Six Boers have been killed. Our casualties have been one killed and five wounded.

ENEMY'S HEAVY LOSSES.

Lord Kitchener to Secretary of State for War:—

Pretoria, April 26 (1 p.m.).—Since my wire of the 25th inst., columns report Boer losses, 12 killed, 20 wounded, 47 prisoners, 52 surrenders. In addition to the above Lieut. Reid and 20 Imperial Bushmen captured yesterday, south-east of Commissie Drift, over Oliphant's River, Commandant Schroeder, and 41 Boers, with one Maxim gun in good order, and horses, mules, waggons and a considerable amount of ammunition. Lieut. Reid's men surrounded Boers before dawn, and creeping up, opened fire at close range, when Boers immediately surrendered.

A FURTHER HAUL.

Pretoria, April 26 (4 p.m.).—In addition to my telegram of this morning Gen. Kitchener reports from Paardeplats four Boers killed, 180 taken prisoners, 3,000 cattle, 6,000 sheep and many waggons.

ANOTHER BOER CAPITAL SEIZED.

The "Times" correspondent reports that Roosenkal, "until recently the seat of the Boer Government," was occupied on Monday by Col. Pulteney. The landdrost and 50 men surrendered, and 30 others subsequently came in. The Boksburg commando of 102 Boers surrendered to Benson on Saturday last with 27 waggons, 100 rifles, 4,500 rounds of ammunition, 38 horses, and cattle and sheep. Viljoen abandoned his waggons, destroyed a 15-pounder captured at Colenso, a Krupp gun, and 22 cases of ammunition, and proceeded southwards with a pom-pom and two Maxims.

FURTHER CAPTURES.

Cols. Fetherstonhaugh and Benson, in an expedition on Sunday, captured 65 more armed Boers, 30 waggons, and stock. They found a Krupp gun complete except the breech, and 15 rounds of ammunition, besides 44,000 rounds of small arm ammunition. They also discovered the remnants of the Helvetia 4.7in. gun as well as a Maxim.

GEN. BLOOD CLEARING THE COUNTRY.

The correspondent expresses the view that in a short time the six columns operating under Gen. Blood ought to clear the country sufficiently to prevent the retiring commandos from securing recruits. A message from Pretoria to the "Standard" computes that about 400 prisoners in all surrendered on Sunday last. A special service of armoured trains is being provided for the better protection of the lines of communication and the railway traffic.

SWEEPING MOVEMENT IN ORANGE COLONY.

In a message from Vredefort Road the "Times" learns that Gen. Elliott's mounted division has swept the north-west of the Orange River Colony as far as the Vaal. De Wet was at Farys with a small following, but he left for Villiersdorp, crossing the line near Wolvehoek.

RECENT FIGHTING.

In a fight between Brantspruit and Klerksdorp, on 22nd inst., two men of the East Lancashire M.I. Coy. were killed, and three severely wounded. Lieut. Goodwyn and seven men were taken prisoners, but have since been released.

Lieut. Crichton, Coldstream Guards, and several Imperial Yeomen were wounded in a fight near Pearstown on the 22nd.

MOUNTED INFANTRY

SURPRISED AND CAPTURED BY REBELS.

Cape Town, April 26.—A troop of the Western Province Mounted Infantry was surprised last Sunday by a party of rebels about 50 miles north of Calvinia. In the fighting they lost two men killed and several wounded. Some of the wounded are prisoners with the rebels.—Central News.

LIBELLING LORD KITCHENER.

SENTENCE ON MR. CARTWRIGHT.

Cape Town, April 22.—Sentence of 12 months' imprisonment, as a first-class misdemeanant, was passed today on Mr. Cartwright, found guilty last week of libelling Lord Kitchener.—Central News.

ANOTHER TRAITOR SENTENCED.

Cape Town, April 25.—Mr. John Sauer, brother of Mr. Sauer, the Afrikander Bond delegate now in London, has been sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment for taking up arms against his Majesty's forces.—Central News.

SIR A. MILNER.

A large and representative gathering of citizens decided (says the Cape Town correspondent of the "Daily Mail") to accord Sir Alfred Milner a popular send-off and a banquet, together with an illuminated address signed by the citizens generally. The feeling was that British supremacy in South Africa depended upon the continuance of Sir A. Milner as High Commissioner. All creeds are represented on the committee appointed to supervise the arrangements.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons on Friday relative to a full scheme of civil administration in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony during Sir A. Milner's absence, Mr. Chamberlain said Sir Alfred's leave was expected to be of short duration. Meanwhile, the work of organising the several departments would proceed as far as possible, and Lord Kitchener would take Sir Alfred Milner's place.

GEN. FRENCH AND "B.-P."

A "Times" telegram reports that General French will take a sea voyage in order to recuperate.

Telegrams from Pretoria give the report that General Baden-Powell has resigned his post of Inspector-General of Constabulary, and is leaving shortly for England.

The War Office has no information on the subject, and does not credit the report.

LIST OF CASUALTIES.

DEATHS FROM DISEASE & WOUNDS.

The following deaths, due to enteric where not otherwise stated, are reported:—76th Co. Imperial Yeomanry: (1290 ?) Pte J Roberts, dysentery, Kroonstad, April 19. Cape M.R.: 260 Pte G Hall, Springfontein, April 16. 2nd Grenadier Guards: Second-lieut G T L Tryon, Harrismith, April 23. M Battery R.H.A.: 3013 Driver G Varley, Naauwpoort, April 23. S.A. Constabulary: 533 Pte S Burgess, dysentery, Germiston, April 24. 2nd Somerset L.I.: 5685 Pte F Webber, East London, April 21. 2nd Royal Irish Rifles: 3468 Pte F Shields, dysentery, Bloemfontein, April 24. Rhodesian Field Force: Pte F W Say, remittent fever, at sea, on board Manila, March 20. Imperial Yeomanry: 22596 Pte M H Buttery, pneumonia, on board Mohawk, April 23. Vol. Co. Warwick Regt.: Pte A Harris, pneumonia, on board Kildonan Castle, April 1. Imperial Yeomanry: 26041 Pte T H A Webb, pneumonia, on board Bavarian, April 2. 1st Lancashire Vol. Engineers: Corpl G F Parker, influenza, on board Saxon, April 9. 2nd Dragoon Guards: 3915 Pte J McPherson, wounds, Charlestown, April 24. 4th South Stafford Regt.: 4863 Pte H Picken, wounds, Winburg, April 22. 1st East Lancashire Regt.: 3307 Pte R Wardley, wounds, Johannesburg, April 24.

2nd Imperial L.H.: 230 Pte H Walshlower, dysentery, Charlestown, April 19. New South Wales M.I.: 321 Pte Foreman, at sea on board steamship Custodian, April 5. 63rd Battery R.F.A.: 23435 Gnr J Brown, pneumonia, Norval's Pont, April 18. 4th Royal Lancaster Regt.: 3619 Pte J Heaton, Naauwpoort, April 19. 9th Lancers: 5113 Lance-Corpl G Woods, Naauwpoort, April 19. 1st Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers: 6707 Pte J Fareham, disease not stated, Beaufort, April 19. 1st Royal Scots: 5683 Pte B Scrutton, Thaba Nchu, April 19. 2nd Royal Irish Rifles: 3368 Pte G Thompson, Bloemfontein, April 19. Driscoll's Scouts: Pte B J Joubert, Heilbron, April 12. 9th Lancers: 4392 Pte P Moody, gunshot wound, abdomen, Springfontein, April 19; 4675 Pte Cook, wounds, Springfontein, April 20. Army Service Corps: 2nd-lieut G K Humphreys, Bloemfontein, April 20; Maj A H Longden, Germiston, April 20. Cape Garrison Artillery: 391 Pte H J Eves, double pneumonia, Ookiep, April 19. S.A. Constabulary: Tpr J W Lomas, pneumonia and phthisis, at sea, Moravshire, April 16. Volunteer Co. Royal Highlanders: 7666 Pte J Scott, dysentery, De Aar, April 20. Ammunition Park R.A. Details: 2,652 Corpl J Kort, abscess liver, Pretoria, April 19. Scottish Horse: Corpl W O Cowling, Krugersdorp, April 19. R.A.M.C.: 12966 Pte W Toulson, Pretoria, April 19. 19th Hussars: 4744 Pte W Gardner, Naauwpoort, April 20. Imperial Military Railways: Civilian Clerk J Marais, Middelburg, Transvaal, April 20. 22nd Co. A.S.C.: 13617 Pte D Thomson, Charlestown, April 20. 1st Royal Dublin Fusiliers: 4141 Pte T Eccles, Charlestown, April 20. Border Scouts: Lieut O T Hannam, Kenhardt, April 18, paralytica dementia and acute bronchitis. 7th Co. Imperial Yeomanry: 23074 Pte J J Kirk, dysentery, Kroonstad, April 19. 1st Oxford L.I.: 4318 Pte L Vincent, Kroonstad, April 20. 2nd Imperial L.H.: 1278 Pte Edward Wain, wounds, wounds, Fauresmith, March 8.

The following deaths have not been previously reported:—

Eastern Province Horse: Tpr S Roxburgh, illness due to fatigue, Cradock, Feb. 9, 1901. Royal Welsh Fusiliers: 6152 Pte F Bates, enteric, Potchefstroom, Feb. 6, 1901. 2nd Royal Irish Rifles: 2915 Pte J Hynes, dysentery, Virginia, Orange River Colony, March 7, 1901. D.C.O. Imperial Yeomanry: 5683 Pte J Catterson, pneumonia, steamship Tagus, March 12, 1901. 2nd Border Regt.: 4143 Pte R W Bloomfield, diabetes, steamship Hardinge, April 2, 1901. 2nd Brabant's Horse: 21046 Pte H Kalweit, killed, Oorlogspoort, March 9, 1901. 1st Gloucester Regt.: 3410 Pte W Hall, wounds, Nicholson's Nek, Oct. 30, 1899. 1st Connaught Rangers: 926 Pte T Sullivan, accidentally drowned, Aliwal North, Feb. 23, 1901. 1st Gloucester Regt.: 4857 Pte J Chorley, killed, Nicholson's Nek, Oct. 30, 1899. Diamond Fields Artillery: 120 Gnr M Y Coughlan, gunshot wound, Boshof, March 14, 1901.

2nd New South Wales M.I.: 300 Pte W B Clancey, Cape Town, April 21. R.A.M.C.: 13074 Pte H Binns, Ladysmith, April 21. 8th Hussars: 4326 Pte J Brunton, melancholia, Pietermaritzburg, April 21. 6th Dragoons: 3458 Sergt S Sealey, Middelburg, Transvaal, April 21. 1st New South Wales Bushmen: 463 Pte W Jones, Pretoria, April 13. Orpen's Horse: 190 Pte Noah Woodcock, cardiac syncope, Kenhardt, no date given. Maxim Depot R.F.A.: 23693 Bombr E Hands, Pretoria, April 20. 3rd Durham L.I.: Lieut F H A Sowerby, dysentery, Kroonstad, April 21. 4th South Stafford Regt.: 4013 Pte J Sylvester, Winburg, April 21. 17th Co. A.S.C.: 13361 Pte W Abbey, Kroonstad, April 20. 3rd Royal Scots: Capt Dudley Forbes, Kroonstad, April 21; 7961 Pte E Kay, Kroonstad, April 20. Imperial Yeomanry: 24239 Corpl T E Millar, dysentery, Springfontein, April 20.

The following deaths, due to enteric where not otherwise stated, are reported:—R.A.M.C.: 9810 Pte S Cheetham, Mooi River, April 21. 2nd East Yorkshire Regt.: 6232 Pte O Higginson, Ladysmith, April 22. 2nd East Surrey Regt.: 6495 Pte J Hopkins, heart failure, Komboch, April 21. 4th North Stafford Regt.: 3969 Pte W Collis, pneumonia, Doornfontein, April 22. 58th Co Imperial Yeomanry: 8058 Sergt D Logge, Krugersdorp, April 22. 2nd North Stafford Regt.: 5831 Pte J Warmington, multiple injury, Cape Town, April 22. 2nd Somerset L.I.: 5401 Pte A E Lock, Bloemfontein, April 21. Attached 37th Co A.S.C.: Civil Conductor William Hobbs, Kroonstad, April 21. 1st West Riding Regt.: 4133 Pte H Turner, Kroonstad, April 22. 84th Battery R.F.A.: 72309 Gnr J Nolan, heart failure, Belfast, April 21. 1st South Lancashire Regt.: 3803 Lce-corpl J Barnfather, Springfontein, April 22. 3rd Leinster Regt.: 541 Colr-sergt A E Templeman, fatty degeneration of heart, Simonstown, April 21. 2nd Norfolk Regt.: 4464 Pte W Callaby, Beaufort, April 22. Army Service Corps: Civil Conductor John Franklin, Bloemfontein, April 23.

4th Gloucester Regt.: 1029 Pte Jesse Tibbles, St. Helena, April 21. 2nd Scots Guards: 5783 Corpl A Hay, dysentery, Harrismith, April 21. 2nd Devon Regt.: 5083 Pte H Couch, Standerton, April 23. 3rd K.R.R. Corps: 9342 Pte W Harris, Heidelberg, April 21. 1st Liverpool Regt.: 4663 Pte W Cooke, dysentery, Kaapschehoop, April 22; 4490 Pte J Middlehurst, intermittent fever, Machadodorp, April 22. 2nd Norfolk Regt.: 1683 Pte J Moore, dysentery, Rustenburg, April 22. 3rd South Lancashire Regt.: 6425 Pte J Jones, sunstroke, Jagersfontein, April 23. 1st Royal Irish Fusiliers: 5740 Pte W Thompson, Bloemfontein, April 22. 1st Co. A.O.C.: 6236 Pte N Dear, Cape Town, April 21. 1st Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders: 6647 Pte S Harvey, Cape Town, April 21. 1st Suffolk Regt.: 4617 Pte H Corder, Charlestown, April 22. 61st Co. Imperial Yeomanry: 27304 Pte John Mackiem, dysentery, Kroonstad, April 22.

Information has now been received that Capt. Manners, Scots Guards, died at sea on board s.s. Tagus, March 13.

DEATHS AT SEA.

The following deaths occurred on board steamship Orotava:—

Cape Vol. M.S. Corps (late): Pte William Couch, phthisis, April 8. Vol. Co. Hampshire Regt.: 84 Pte A H Martin, pneumonia, April 11. Vol. Co. Wiltshire Regt.: 6543 Pte F Brown, pneumonia, April 11.

OTHER CASUALTIES.

The following casualties have occurred near Aberdeen:—

2nd Brabant's Horse: 20046 Corpl A B Calderwood and 20110 Pte F Schoenrad, slightly wounded, March 31; 20337 Corpl C Werdmuller, slightly wounded, April 6; 5103 Pte A Thiessen, killed, April 7; 20015 Sergt S Robinson, slightly wounded, April 10.

The following occurred at Heartebeestfontein. The date, not yet given, has been applied for:—

M.I. Co. East Lancashire Regt.: Lieut E J Wolseley, severely wounded, gunshot wound, back. Roberts' Horse: Tpr H St G Richards and 26150 Tpr J Burke, slightly wounded.

Hemington's Guides: Pte S Hamilton, severely wounded, near Krugersdorp, April 18. M.I. Cheshire Regt.: 5669 Pte P Welsh and 5664 Pte E Southern, slightly wounded, Plowman, near Klerksdorp, April 14. 3rd East Kent Regt.: 6123 Pte Gibbs, wounded, Wilge River, April 18. 7th Dragoon Guards: 4690 Pte G Kerr, severely wounded, Schietskop, April 18. 3rd Leinster Regt.: 1704 Pte T Swords, severely wounded, near Molteno, April 18. 3rd Leinster Regt., attached: Civil surgeon G H Bristow, severely wounded, gunshot wound, left leg, near Molteno, April 18. 2nd Dorset Regt.: 2809 Pte T Butcher, killed, near Wakkerstroom, April 19.

The following casualties are reported:—

Johannesburg Police (late 20th Co. Imperial Yeomanry): Tpr Percy Whitcher, severely wounded, Pienaar, April 22. Driscoll's Scouts: Lieut Norman G St J Brakin, severely wounded, gunshot wound, right thigh, Parys, April 19. 48th Co. Imperial Yeomanry: 31183 Pte E Bell, dangerously wounded, near Krugersdorp, April 20. 82nd Battery R.F.A.: 22943 Bombr W Count, slightly wounded, Honingspruit, April 20. Queenstown Rifle Volunteers: Pte W F McHugh, killed, Spitzkop, Cape Colony, April 12. Kaffrarian Rifles: 31304 Pte A Pheonca, severely wounded, Spitzkop, Cape Colony, April 18. 4th North Stafford Regt.: 3707 Pte J P Wood and 6134 Pte Mountford, killed, and 2581 Corpl W Harding and 6218 Pte Gallimore, injured by lightning, Richmond, April 20. M.I. Shropshire L.I.: 5449 Pte J Somer, killed; 5761 Pte G Lloyd, severely wounded; 5169 Pte T Davies, slightly wounded, Klip Kloof, April 16. 2nd Royal West Surrey Regt.: 5873 (?) Corpl Frank Horace Caldwell, severely wounded, Zandspruit, April 21.

17th Co. Imperial Yeomanry: 1671 Pte W Mansch, slightly wounded, near Thaba N'chu, April 16. 2nd Lincoln Regt.: Second-lieut J N Phillips, severely wounded, gunshot wound right elbow, near Thaba N'chu, April 16. 2nd Norfolk Regt.: 3522 Sergt J Green, slightly wounded, near Thaba N'chu, April 16. 2nd Hants Regt.: 3375 Pte G Wansell, slightly wounded, near Thaba N'chu, April 17. East Yorkshire Regt.: 8493 Pte W Warby and 2300 Pte W Macnus, prisoners, near Thaba N'chu, April 14. Imperial L.H.: 1206 Pte George William Blewitt, wounded, fracture of arm, Lapfontein, April 21. Liverpool Regt. Militia: 8034 Pte T Lanningan, accidentally slightly wounded, Waterval Boven, April 22. 5th Queensland M.I.: 261 Pte Herbert J White, accidentally killed, gunshot, Tabakplaats, April 21. Royal Engineers: 28123 Spr C Wheller, slightly wounded, Greenfontein, April 21. 2nd Vol. Co. Royal Welsh Fusiliers: 7472 Pte S Jones, accidentally wounded leg, Britstown, April 21.

Non-com. officers and men of the 1st Royal Scots reported missing, Witlip, April 4, have rejoined.

Date of death of 190 Pte N Woodcock, Orpen's Horse, who was reported as having died of cardiac syncope, Kenhardt, no date given, should have been shown as April 19.

The following casualties have not been previously reported:—

63rd Co. Imperial Yeomanry: 8300 Pte S Howarth, severely wounded, Klip Drift, Jan. 30, 1901. Scottish Horse: 650 Sergt P Bevan, severely wounded, Welverdiend, Feb. 25, 1901. Scottish Horse Scouts: 25877 Pte L N Smith, reported severely wounded, near Potchefstroom, Feb. 22, was slightly wounded only. 4th Gloucester Regt.: 1328 Pte J Tibbles, died of rheumatic fever at St. Helena, April 21, 1901. 1st Leinster Regt.: 2268 Pte J Watkinson, dangerously wounded, Sept. 3, died of wounds, Badfontein, Sept. 4. 83rd Battery R.F.A.: 6918 Gnr G Ridgeway, severely wounded, Lydenburg, Sept. 8, 1900. South African L.H.: 1022 Trpr Claude Hall, slightly wounded, Badfontein, Sept. 12, 1900. 1st King's Royal Rifle Corps: 3440 Pte S Petherbridge, reported accidentally wounded, Lydenburg, Transvaal, Oct. 3, 1900, was accidentally severely wounded.

The following casualties occurred between Brantspruit and Klerksdorp, April 22:—

M.I. Co. East Lancashire Regt.—Killed: 2874 Pte J Gannon and 4387 Pte A Levine. Severely wounded: 1816 Corpl S Connery, 3569 Pte R Wardley, and 5323 Pte M Brennan. Prisoners: Lieut P C Goodwyn and five n.c.o.'s and men, since released. M.I. Cheshire Regt.: 5719 Pte T Ryan, dangerously wounded; two n.c.o.'s and men, prisoners, since released.

The following occurred near Pearston, April 22:—

23rd Co. Imperial Yeomanry: 2083 Pte G Brooks, severely wounded. 63th Co. Imperial Yeomanry: 12034 Pte J Edge, severely wounded; 12038 Pte C Light and 12743 Pte Saunders, slightly wounded. Coldstream Guards: Lieut Crichton, slightly wounded.

Other casualties are reported as follows:—

3rd Dragoon Guards: 3839 Pte J H Parsons, killed, Rensburg Drift, April 17. 1st Derby Regt.: 4938 Pte A Hayes, slightly wounded, near Orange Grove, April 21. Vol. Co. 3rd King's Royal Rifle Corps: 3712 Pte H W Armfield, injured by fall off bridge, since dead, Colenso, April 23. 1st King's Own Scottish Borderers: 6383 Pte A McHugh, slightly wounded, near Thaba N'chu, April 20. 2nd Imperial L.H.: 479 Sergt Walter R J Hayes, severely wounded; Sergt-maj Robert L Hannay, slightly wounded, Lilliesput, April 20; 142 Pte Andrew McKay Swanson, accidentally severely wounded, Lilliesput, April 21. Prince Alfred's Vol Guards: 731 Pte Wm Henry Mitchell, dangerously injured, fall off horse, Humansdorp, April 17.

Royal Scots Greys: 4368 Pte J McAdam, killed, Piet Retief, April 14. 18th Hussars: 4292 Pte S Webster, killed, near Weltevreden, April 18. Royal Scots Greys: 3843 Corpl W Sperring, dangerously wounded, near Weltevreden, April 18. 6th Dragoon Guards: Capt E S Jackson severely wounded, left arm, near Klipstaple, April 22; 4643 Pte D Fraser, missing, believed wounded; 4049 Lance-corpl Lawrence, slightly wounded, near Klipstaple, April 22. French's Scouts: Pte Robert Cook, slightly wounded, near Boschmans Kop, April 22. 1st Division Telegraph Batt. R.E.: 2468 Troop Qrms J H Alty, killed, near Vaalbank, April 24. S.A. Constabulary: Pte J Allan, drowned whilst bathing, Norvals Pont, April 23. 2nd Vol. Co. Northumberland Fusiliers: 600 Pte N Macdonald, wounded hand, Wilge River, April 23. 2nd Scottish Horse: 31807 Pte J Johnson, accidentally drowned, Elandsfontein, April 17. Border Horse: Pte George Rowland, missing, near Burghersdorp, March 23. Queenstown Rifle Volunteers: Pte George Hill, missing, believed killed, near Burghersdorp, March 23. Thorneycroft's M.I.: 21960 Pte S F Brown, killed; 33831 Pte C A Judd and 5363 Pte A S Phillips, severely wounded; 3306 Pte R E Evans, slightly wounded, near Winburg, April 24. 1st Suffolk Regt.: Lieut Frankland, slightly injured, concussion of brain, fall from horse, Col Bethune's Force, April 23.

MISSING.

The following are reported missing, Witklip, April 4:—

1st Royal Scots: 5857 Corpl Campbell, 7074 Lance-corpl Nichol, 5878 Pte Walker, 3368 Pte Sutherland, 6569 Pte Newbegging, 7070 Pte Merrett, 7192 Pte Lowe, 3673 Pte Hervey, 6830 Pte Cook, 7216 Pte McIntyre, 7015 Pte Kelly.

CORRECTIONS.

Cause of death of Lance-corpl J Fishwick, South Lancashire Regt., died at Ladysmith, April 12, should have been shown as enteric fever. 37th Co. Imperial Yeomanry: Tpr E Carkale, reported missing, March 6, near Wolmaransstad, rejoined Lord Methuen's column at Warrenton, March 17.

Civilian Lineman J Browning, reported died of enteric, Bloemfontein, April 4, formerly belonged to 38th Co. Imperial Yeomanry, regimental number 6012. For 7796 Pte Stevey, 2nd King's Royal Rifle Corps, reported severely wounded, Waterval, April 8, read 7796 Pte Stacey. Native reports that 2721 Pte Burke, 2nd South Wales Borderers, reported prisoner, believed wounded, Doornbek, April 11, was not wounded. 521 Pte Verdon, reported died of dysentery, Pretoria, Jan. 17, belonged to New South Wales Bushmen, and not to Queensland Bushmen, as previously reported. The Christian name of Lieut Harding, Commander-in-Chief's Bodyguard, reported died of wounds, Uitkyk, Feb. 11, should have been shown as John Edward.

4371 Pte Dougate, reported died April 12, belonged to 3rd Dragoon Guards, and not to 2nd Dragoon Guards, as reported.

MORE WAR HONOURS.

THREE GALLANT CANADIANS WIN THE V.C.

The King has signified his intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned officers and non-commissioned officer, whose claims have been submitted for his Majesty's approval, for their conspicuous bravery during the action at Komati River on the 7th Nov. 1900, as stated against their names:

Lieut. H. Z. C. Cockburn (Royal Canadian Dragoons).—Lieut. Cockburn, with a handful of men, at a most critical moment held off the Boers to allow the guns to get away; to do so he had to sacrifice himself and his party, all of whom were killed, wounded, or taken prisoners, he himself being slightly wounded.

Lieut. R. E. W. Turner (Royal Canadian Dragoons).—Later in the day when the Boers again seriously threatened to capture the guns, Lieut. Turner, although twice previously wounded, dismounted and deployed his men at close quarters and drove off the Boers, thus saving the guns.

Sergt. E. Holland (Royal Canadian Dragoons).—Sergt. Holland did splendid work with his Colt gun, and kept the Boers off the two 12-pounders by its fire at close range. When he saw the enemy were too near for him to escape with the carriage, as the horse was blown, he calmly lifted the gun off and galloped away with it under his arm.

Tuesday's "Gazette" contains a list of 10 more officers whom the King has appointed companions of the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of services in South Africa. Several others are promoted, and 17 non-commissioned officers and men receive the medal for distinguished conduct in the field.

The D.S.O.—Capts. R. J. Marker (Coldstream Guards) for capture of De Wet's gun and pom-pom in Cape Colony; H. H. Wilson (3rd Batn. Imperial Yeomanry) for gallantry in defence of posts in the Boer attack on Lichtenburg; H. Magniac (15th Batn. Imperial Yeomanry) for gallantry in defence of posts in the Boer attack on Modderfontein; Lieut. A. P. Frankland (Suffolk Regt.) for conduct of a convoy near Petrusburg; Majs. L. F. Clarke (Victorian Bushmen) for able command in operations against De Wet; W. E. O'Brien (6th N.S.W. Imperial Bushmen); Capts. G. H. Walker (4th New Zealand Rough Riders) and Gorman (Imperial L.H.) for good service on the occasion of the capture of Boer guns by Maj.-gen. Babington's Column; E. T. Logan (3rd Batn. Cheshire) for gallant leading of advanced guard at capture of Boer guns by Maj.-gen. Babington's Column; 2nd-lieut. F. E. Hunt (4th Batn. King's Own Royal Lancaster) for defence of Fish River Station.

Brevet.—To be Lieut.-col.: Maj. G. A. Cookson (Indian Staff Corps) for good leading of a corps of mounted infantry. To be Majors: Capts. (local Lieut.-col.) R. Grey, C.M.G., for command of mounted troops at capture of Boer guns by Maj.-gen. Babington; H. B. Williams (Royal Engineers) for intelligent work with Brig.-gen. Plumer; J. E. Pine-Coffin (Loyal North Lancashire) for good work in independent command.

Gallantry in the Ranks.—The Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field is granted to: Sergt. W. Smith (1st Northumberland Fusiliers), Sergt. Lignall (10th Imperial Yeomanry), Colr.-sergt. G. Rowat (1st King's Royal Rifles), Pte. A. Howells (2nd S. Wales Borderers), Sergt. Davenporte (1st Australian Bushmen), Sergt. Durragh (1st Royal Welsh Fusiliers), Sergt. Hyde (5th Lancers), Lce.-sergt. H. Withington (2nd Lincolnshire), Sergt.-maj. Hirst (5th Dragoon Guards), Sergt. G. Osborne (Imperial L.H.), Pte. Langham (4th New Zealand Rough Riders), Corpl. Moy (6th Imperial Bushmen), Sergt. W. George (W. Australian Bushmen), Pte. I. Angel (W. Australian Bushmen), Farrier-sergt. G. Rouse (6th New Zealand Rough Riders), Pte. A. H. Free (6th New Zealand Rough Riders), Pte. J. Boyd (2nd Royal Irish Rifles).

W. AFRICAN OPERATIONS.

DECORATIONS AND PROMOTIONS.

The "London Gazette" notifies a number of decorations and promotions in the Army for services during the operations in W. Africa last year. Col. John A. M. Stuart, 3rd Gordon Highlanders, is appointed a C.B.; Capt. Alister Gordon, of the Gordon Highlanders, Capt. Wright, Manchester Regt., Capt. Cobbe, Indian Staff Corps, Lieut. Luard, Norfolk Regt., and 2nd Lieut. Leland, Royal Munster Fusiliers are appointed Companions of the D.S.O. Major Montanaro, R.E., Major Cole, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and other officers each receive a step of brevet promotion. Matron A. Ward and Nursing Sister K. Neville, W. African Frontier Force, receive the decoration of the Royal Red Cross, and nine non-commissioned officers and men, of whom five are natives, receive the medal for distinguished conduct in the field.

CHINA.

FIGHTING NEAR SHAN-HAI-KWAN.

50 CHINESE KILLED.

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

Peking, April 24.—An international force of 800 men under Col. Radford left Shan-hai-kwan to punish the band which killed Maj. Browning. The enemy were encountered in force, and in the fight which ensued 50 of their number were killed, while the loss of the Allies was: British, six killed; Japanese, two killed; French, one killed. The enemy fled to the mountains, with the Allies in close pursuit. Maj. Browning's body was recovered.—Reuter.

THE DEATH OF MAJ. BROWNING.

Particulars telegraphed by Reuter's Peking correspondent regarding the engagement in which Maj. Browning lost his life show that the company of Punjaub Infantry was sent by Gen. Reid, commanding at Shan-hai-kwan, to break up a band of robbers which has been giving trouble in the neighbourhood of Fu-ning-fu. The Punjabis were attacked by a combined force of "Boxers" and robbers, numbering over 1,000, Maj. Browning and one sepoy being killed and a number of others wounded. The company retreated to Fu-ning-fu, whither reinforcements have been sent from Shan-hai-kawn. The "Boxers" appear to have been well armed with modern rifles.

DISQUIETING NEWS.

PREDICTION OF RISING IN YANGTSE PROVINCES.

The publicists who have been expecting another explosion of Chinese wrath may discover confirmation of their impression in the following message sent from a Shanghai correspondent on Thursday to the "Morning Post:—"I have received information which may prove to be of importance. My informant declares that all the disaffected elements in the Yangtse provinces, including the organisation known as the Ko-lao-hwei, the so-called reformers, the salt smugglers, and the disbanded Chinese soldiers, are combining for the purpose of

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in May or June. The movement is expected to be begun by the burning of the foreign churches throughout the provinces bordering on the Yangtse. The motive of the leaders is said to be revolutionary, but the rank and file are described as simply pillagers. My informant points out that the French churches in the Yangtse provinces far outnumber the British, and that the French might take advantage of the opportunity to seize Kiang-nan Arsenal and the adjoining powder-mills. The British authorities, anticipating no trouble here, have weakened the garrison by the withdrawal of the Sikhs and the Artillery."

BLACK AND WHITE.

CHARGE OF ABDUCTION AGAINST A COLOURED MAN.

The case against a coloured man named Elbridge Adolphus Patterson of abducting girls was heard by the Halifax bench this week, the Treasury prosecuting.—When Patterson was in Halifax in November last he is said to have entered into conversation with two mill girls of 16 named Winifred Whitworth and Ettie McKay. Whitworth says he told them that he was the printing agent of the "Muddle-up" Company. He was leaving the company, he said, and forming a new troupe, and asked them to join the troupe. They said they would. There were

SEVERAL LETTERS

signed "Winnie" and "Elbridge" produced and read in court. This is one of them from "Winnie":—

> Dear Elbridge,—I received your letter and songs, and I think they will suit my voice to perfection. It is a struggle for me to write this letter, as I am afraid it will cause you much pain. I am afraid I can never love you, as I am afraid you don't love me. I think it is only a passing fancy. I suppose it is quite a usual habit to tell every girl you meet in each town that you love her. They say fresh face, fresh fancy. I hope you are not offended at my blunt letter, as I am telling you my mind. I hope you are only joking; then my refusal will be easier to take. . . . —I remain your friend,
>
> Winnie Whitworth.

Afterwards she wrote telling him that she was unhappy at home, and had had an offer from a young lady to prepare her for the stage. In reply, Patterson wrote:—

> You said in your letter that a lady offered to take you away. Now, my dear, what is the meaning of it? Do you want to send me mad? My dear, know this, that all the ladies that offer to take you away are those that only want to see you ruined for life. . . . I remain, your loving and affectionate,
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> Elbridge.

TO EUSTON-RD.

Eventually prisoner sent the girls sufficient money to take them to London, and they left Halifax on Dec. 8. They were met at King's Cross Station by the prisoner, who accompanied them to his room at 19, Argyle-st., Euston-rd. It was a bed-sitting room. They were tired, and he suggested that they should get to bed. Winifred asked if he was going to remain in the room, and he replied, "Yes." Winifred tried to get out of the house, and he prevented them from doing so, and they remained sitting down until daylight. Patterson locked the door, but Whitworth knocked at the door until she arrested the attention of the landlady, who broke open the door, and they left the house. Subsequently they were taken care of by the Travellers' Aid Society, and were fetched back to Halifax on the Monday by Mr. McKay.

PRISONER CROSS-EXAMINES.

—Prisoner cross-examined the girl Whitworth, and asked her why she did not wish her parents to see him.—"Because," said the girl, "if they had seen you, you would not have been living now." (Laughter.)—Then Patterson became excited, stamped his feet, and exclaimed, "Your prevarications are abominable, girl!"—The girl turned round, and facing prisoner said, "I am not afraid of you! I was not afraid of you when we were in London alone!"—Ettie Ibbetson McKay gave similar evidence.—The landlady at Argyle-st., Euston-rd., said prisoner had told her he expected his wife from Yorkshire.—Prisoner was sent for trial at the Assizes.

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The Empire of Morocco is the most important State without a newspaper.

The rural death-rate in England is 18 in every 1,000; in towns it is 18.

Ireland produces 210 tons of honey a year, worth £12,000.

The cost of becoming a doctor varies between £700 and £1,200.

An English convict gets 10lb. of bread a week, a pauper 7lb. only.

The oceans of the world comprise nearly 324 millions cubic miles.

A Swedish engineer has invented a new method of creating steel by subjecting it to a current of electricity.

Of the 276,000 foreigners resident in Germany, 118,000 are Austrians, only 11,000 English.

£1,200,000 a year is spent on English hospitals, averaging 5s. a day for every bed occupied.

For best English ale 4½ bushels of malt are used in brewing a barrel. Lager beer needs only 1½ bushels.

49,300,000 tons of coal are carried across the ocean every year, and 19,200,000 tons of grain.

Experiments made by German physicians have shown that about 25 per cent. of all school children have some defect in their hearing.

Thirty-four persons chargeable to the poor rate for Hornsey in the Edmonton Workhouse cost £700 a year each.

Mr. J. G. King, of Ballylin, King's County, Ireland, who died on Jan. 9, has left property to the value of £500,000.

Nearly £2,000 worth of damage was done to the steamer Cheviot by the fall of the 9.2 gun which was being unloaded at Dover.

The football cup-final at the Crystal Palace was responsible for the appearance at Penge Police Court of 13 persons on charges of picking pockets.

By 42 votes to seven Glasgow Corporation declined to seek parliamentary powers to enable them to establish a municipal public-house.

Applications for patents in the United Kingdom last year numbered 23,909. This is a decrease compared with 1899, when the number was 25,775.

An English riding master named Willoughby, while riding his horse near the Arc de Triomphe, Paris, was heavily thrown. He suffered fracture of the skull.

The record passage from Dieppe to Newhaven has been performed by the steamer Arundel, of the Newhaven and Dieppe service. The Arundel crossed in two hours 58 minutes.

It has been decided to continue the Moscow-Kazan Rly. towards Tchelia-binsk, the first station on the Trans-Siberian line. This will reduce the journey to Moscow by about 270 versts.

No decision has yet been arrived at concerning the establishment of a branch of the Royal Mint in Canada, but negotiations on the subject are still proceeding between the two Governments.

The French Telegraph department are about to lay the new cable between Oran and Tangiers, which is to connect with the Marseilles and Oran cable, and thus compete with the English and Spanish lines.

The Rev. D. L. Ritchie, of St. James's Congregational Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has decided not to accept the call given him to succeed Dr. Guinness Rogers at Clapham Congregational Church.

The trial of Sydney Smith, a medical man committed for trial at the Old Bailey by a coroner's jury on a charge of murder arising out of an alleged illegal operation on a Chelsea lady, has been postponed.

Fred Wain, 21, son of a prominent Maidstone tradesman, was killed by a fall from a ladder leading to an aerial trapeze. The coroner's jury advised the proprietors to place proper handrails on either side of the ladder.

Thomas Brace, aged 33, who is employed on a farm near Worthing, is like the farmer in Hungary in that his heart is on the right side. He has been examined by several medical men.

A pincushion which Lord Beaconsfield presented to a resident of High Wycombe was exhibited in a shop window on Primrose Day. Many people, including Lord Salisbury, have expressed a wish to possess the relic.

In Swineshead Church, Boston, some inconvenience has been felt during service owing to the presence of a large colony of bats settled in the roof of the old church. An organised battue was carried out, and over 200 were killed.

The library committee of Battersea Borough Council have instructed the librarian to write to each library in the county of London to ascertain whether library tickets might not be made interchangeable between the various boroughs.

An old, soft, oiled rag, with the addition of a drop or two of petroleum, is still the best cleaner of oak. Where there is much carving a very soft thick brush will remove the dust; then tie a small oiled rag round the brush and polish up in the ordinary way.

The tramp question in the United States has been a most serious one ever since the introduction of railways. It is estimated that no less than 10,000 men are carried nightly on trains, and that 10,000 more are waiting to steal a ride at the same time.

The indigo production of Java is rapidly falling off. Many of the planters are growing tobacco instead. The artificial product is steadily displacing it. A new process is being used, however, which permits of obtaining a higher percentage of colouring matter from the leaf, and also produces a purer indigo.

Yet another county is to gather its sons in London. At the Hotel Cecil to-morrow a meeting is to be held to consider the formation of a Nottinghamshire Society, which, like other county societies, will have social, intellectual, and charitable objects. The gathering, which takes place at the suggestion of Mr. Hilton Carter, will be held at half-past five.

There are 78,000 trees in Paris, according to the latest census. Every street over 60 feet in width has a right to a row of trees along each kerb; when the width passes 118 feet, it has a right to two rows, and when a width of 152 feet is reached, a planted plateau in the middle of the road, with shaded alleys on each side of it, is generally established.

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WAS THERE ANIMUS?

THE CHARGE AGAINST AN EX-DETECTIVE-INSPECTOR.

At the Thames Police Court, Stephen White, 50, an ex-detective-inspector of the H division, surrendered to his recognisances, before Mr. Mead, to answer a charge of drunkenness, disorderly conduct, and assaulting Insp. J. Boustred and Sergt. R. Caraher, of the H division.—For the prosecution it was alleged that early Wednesday week the two officers were on duty in Fair-st., when they saw prisoner, who was drunk and staggering. He turned into Sanrab-st., and stopped outside No. 80, his residence. As the officers were passing accused rushed towards Insp. Boustred and shouted, "What do you mean by this, inspector?" and then snatched the latter's cap from his head and threw it into the passage of his house, after which he shouted out, "Look at this inspector's cap in our passage." White then got a stick, which he held in both hands, and made a blow at Inspector Boustred's head, but fortunately it missed. Prisoner afterwards threw the sergeant's helmet into the passage. He was then taken into custody, and became very violent.

THE SUPERINTENDENT ASKED FOR.

—Insp. Montgomery now deposed that at 12.45 a.m. on the 17th inst. he was in charge of Arbour-sq. Police Station when White was brought in. He was very drunk, and was charged with being drunk and disorderly, and assaulting the two officers. Witness read the charge over to him, when he said, "What's that? Read it over again." Witness did so, and White then said, "Send for the superintendent." Witness said, "Send for the superintendent? What for?" and to that he made no reply. White was then placed in a cell, and a little over an hour after Supt. Mulvaney came in, and at his suggestion White was bailed out. At that time he was far from sober, and both the superintendent and witness had to coax him to sign the bail-book.

CROSS-EXAMINED.

—In answer to Mr. Young, who defended, witness said that prisoner signed the bail-book in the wrong place, although he pointed out where he was to write. Witness would have bailed prisoner after he was a bit quiet. Witness did not hear White ask for a doctor. Witness did not know that there were strained relations between Insp. Boustred and prisoner. The latter was drunk when allowed out on his own recognisances. The superintendent said to him, "If Mr. Montgomery allows you out on your own recognisance will you go home and be quiet?—By Mr. Mead: Witness had

NO FEELING IN THE MATTER,

and there was no reason why he should behave in any other than an impartial way.—By Mr. Young: It was not true that prisoner had reported him, but he once made a trivial complaint against him and other officers, who, however, received a full acquittal respecting the allegations. Other officers were called and stated that prisoner was drunk.

FOR THE DEFENCE.

—Mr. Young, for the defence, said that there would be a strong conflict of evidence both as to prisoner's condition and what took place. He would show that there was an animus on the part of Insp. Boustred, and the Court would not have been troubled with the case but for the inspector and sergeant following and running after the prisoner. The former pushed White into his passage, and they both fell, the officer being on the top. To say the least, it was a trivial assault, and a summons would have amply met the case, and the evidence called would show that the inspector had his cap on, and the sergeant his helmet. Prisoner strongly

DENIED BEING DRUNK,

and the superintendent would say he was sober. He also denied the assault. White had been in the force for 25 years, during which time he had received 128 commendations from judges and others as to the work he had done. It was a serious matter for him, as he hoped to get a responsible position.—Prisoner then went into the witness-box and stated that Insp. Boustred said, "Get inside, you hound; I have not done with you yet." —It was decided to reserve defendant's cross-examination.—Mr. Mead said it was a matter of difficulty, and he thought the police should be represented in the case, which would be adjourned for that purpose.—Insp. Montgomery said as prisoner's solicitor had informed that he (the inspector) had shown bias he should like the matter fully gone into.—Mr. Mead observed that that was a matter for the police advocate.—Prisoner was then allowed out on his own recognisances.

PRO-BOER HOOTED.

HOW LOYAL SCOTS RECEIVED MR. MERRIMAN.

Edinburgh was less indulgent to the sedition-mongers from South Africa and their "English" (heaven save the mark!) allies than London, though it must be said the pro-Boer challenge was bolder in the North. When the chairman of Mr. Merriman's meeting in Waverley Market, Edinburgh, appeared on the platform, the great bulk of the audience "booed" and howled, and as soon as he rose to speak a fearful uproar began. For a quarter of an hour the stewards valiantly strove to quell the disturbance, 20 persons at a time being ejected. Then the police were called in. Still not one word could Mr. Merriman utter. Finally, three-quarters of an hour after the meeting was supposed to begin, 120 policemen entered the hall and cleared out fully 300 men. Mr. Merriman then got a hearing and made a speech, punctuated

WITH PROTESTING GROANS

from outside. Prince's-st., near the market, was crowded, and Mr. Merriman's appearance at the close was the signal for tremendous howling. He had only a few hundred supporters, nearly all members of the "Young Scots' Society." A large number of students indulged in patriotic demonstrations outside the hall, and during the speaking strains of "God Save the King" were heard in the distance. The crowd, which numbered about 20,000, swarmed round the building until the meeting broke up, but the police never lost the mastery, and ultimately the assemblage dispersed. The wonder is that, in the first place, such meetings are permitted, and, in the next, that the police are able to protect the Merriman crew from the treatment they would receive at the hands of a loyal crowd in any other country than our own.

The Bishop of London left town yesterday for Sandringham to pay homage to the King.

WESTERN WORTHIES.

BATH HONOURS TWO POSTAL REFORMERS.

Lord Londonderry, this week, unveiled tablets placed by the Bath Corporation on the houses of Ralph Allen and John Palmer, the two great postal reformers of the 18th century. Allen was born at St. Blazey, Cornwall, in 1694, while Palmer first saw the light in Bath in 1742. In the course of a speech the Postmaster-General pointed out that Bath had the honour of having numbered amongst its citizens two of the four great men who had been the founders of the English Post Office system. Lord Londonderry described the gradual improvements in our postal system effected by Thomas Witherings, Ralph Allen, John Palmer, and Sir Rowland Hill. To illustrate the great growth of the business of the Post Office since the days of these men he pointed out that

JOHN PALMER. RALPH ALLEN.

WHEN ALLEN BEGAN HIS WORK

in 1719 the whole number of letters in the United Kingdom did not exceed eight or nine millions in a year. Sixty years later, when the mail coach era began, the number was probably not more than 12 or 13 millions. The whole number of letters in the United Kingdom was now over 2,300,000,000 in the year. To the letter-post had been added many other services, and some 1,200,000,000 post cards, circulars, and parcels, of which no one in the 18th century ever dreamed, were now carried in addition to letters. In the sorting department of the General Post Office in London, where in Allen's time a staff of 12 clerks and 10 sorters could dispose of all

THE COUNTRY MAILS,

we now had a staff of 3,000 persons regularly employed. These huge figures were useful as showing the beneficial results that had followed the principles and organisations of the two great postal reformers, Allen and Palmer. The principles they introduced had been steadily applied, and it was to be hoped that the figures quoted would be regarded not only as evidence of what we owed to them, but also as showing the steadfast intention of the Post Office to give a speedy and perfect system on the great lines of communication, and a regular service to every town and village in the United Kingdom, and even to the remotest and most solitary household. A charming souvenir of the interesting ceremony has been forwarded us by the Bath Corporation, from which we take our illustration of the two West Country worthies.

DID GOOD BY STEALTH.

We do not, says "The Globe," see much allusion to the fact that Ralph Allen has monuments more splendid and enduring than the tablet which the Marquis of Londonderry unveiled at Bath. Allen was a very amiable man, and the friend of Fielding, who combined his virtues with those of the Hon. George Lyttelton in drawing the character of Allworthy in "Tom Jones." Pope also has registered Allen's modest benevolence in the couplet:—

Let humble Allen, with an awkward shame,
Do good by stealth, and blush to find it fame.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this association was held yesterday at Exeter Hall, Mr. G. W. Dodds presiding. Mr. H. J. Gibbs welcomed the delegates, who attended from all parts of the country, and urged the necessity of still further extending the beneficent work of the association. The secretary presented the annual report reviewing the work. Notwithstanding the depression in many branches of trade, causing much anxiety to a number of commercial travellers, the society had progressed. Last year 330 new members were enrolled, and the annual subscriptions had increased to £603. The applications to the beneficent fund last year were more numerous than before, and a committee was appointed to deal with the various cases. Over £360 was distributed to members.—The chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, dwelt on the importance of the work, and expressed the hope that the question of libraries in commercial rooms would be taken up more vigorously. They ought to apply to the heads of the large commercial houses to contribute towards keeping up these libraries. A man was better able to do his work when he was well-equipped mentally than one who was not well educated. The business side of the "road" was now more difficult than ever; while the methods of doing business were more subtle. They were not always honest; there were at times attempts at dishonesty which straightforward travellers had great difficulty in fighting against.—Mr. D. F. Fullerton seconded the motion, and it was carried.—Sir G. Williams was re-elected president for the ensuing year; and the retiring committee were re-appointed.

ALLEGED RAILWAY THEFTS.

Sidney Plast, 20, carman, Fakenham-st., and James Ansell, 16, of George's-rd., Holloway, were charged on remand at Clerkenwell Police Court, yesterday, with being concerned together in stealing from the goods station of the G.N. Rly. a hamper containing 46 dead rabbits, seven haddocks, and two pairs of kippers, value £2 6s.—Henry Upson, fishmonger, of Church-st., Watford, was charged with receiving the hamper and rabbits, knowing them to have been stolen.—The allegation of the prosecution was that Plast and Ansell, who were in the company's employ, had stolen the property, and delivered it to Upson as he was about to leave in a Watford train from Euston.—Committed for trial.

With the express approval of the German Emperor, the German War Office is sending an interesting official exhibit to the Earl's Court Military Exhibition, which will be opened by the Duke of Cambridge on Saturday next. Earl Roberts and many other officers of distinction will also take part in the inaugural ceremony.

"IN THE SWIM."

BY A CITY SHARK.

Saturday (2 p.m.).

MONEY.

The new Consol issue of 60 millions has been a great success. Of it 30 millions were taken firm by several of the big houses, including Rothschilds, and the other 30 millions, which were offered to the public, were applied for some eight times over. The applications to a considerable extent came from the Continent. The issue price of 94½ must be regarded as being satisfactory from the Government's point of view, because it is very much to be doubted whether any other country in the world would have been able to make so successful a flotation under such circumstances. Of course, it is only natural that there should be a slight decline in Consols, but there are many who have applied for the new issue with the firm conviction that they will see this security at par before the end of 1901. The Bank return shows an increase in the reserve of about three-quarters of a million, but the ratio of reserve to liabilities has gone down 2¼ per cent.

HOME RAILS.

The feature of this market during the week has been stagnation, if we except the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District stocks. These have been very active, because of the progress which has been made in the matter of electric traction. Of course, it must be some time yet before any evidences of activity are apparent; but none the less progress is being made. A good deal of the buying is coming from the shop, but this should not deter those who care for a good lock-up investment from picking up Metropolitans and, for a pure gamble, Districts. Too much interest should not be attached to the spurt which has taken place in Central Londons. It is chiefly due to the excessive crowds carried in connection with the football match. Further capital will require to be spent upon the line before long. There is still a fairly large bear account open in Brighton A's, but, now that the settlement is over, there should be a good rise in them.

FOREIGN STOCKS.

This section has been the subject of a strong continental bear raid, more particularly in Brazilian securities. The attempts, however, to keep prices down, particularly in Western of Minas Railway Stocks, proved wholly abortive. It is passing strange that there should be so much animosity displayed towards this country, which is doing everything in its power to re-establish fully and on a sound commercial and financial basis the national credit. It will interest holders of the Fours, Fives, and Funding Bonds, to learn that negotiations are in progress with leading financial houses to make a unification issue. It is proposed to consolidate all these stocks into 4 per cents, and holders of Funding Bonds will have the option of converting or being paid off. A sinking fund will also be provided. This should cause the various stocks to enhance in value, and also Western of Minas Railway, which will be included in the scheme. There is a very strong demand for Argentine Waterworks, and at present prices these should be picked up for a speedy turnover.

AMERICAN RAILS.

This market has been in a wild and erratic condition for the past few days. The bears in New York have now taken up the question of gold shipments as their theme, and a vigorous onslaught has been made on certain stocks, notably Missouri's. There was an attempt made on Union Pacifics, but owing to an important deal which is about to come off, this line will be leased by the New York Central under guarantee. Two stocks which are likely to improve during the present account are Louisvilles and Readings. To-day there has been active biddings for the first-named. In connection with the first-named there is an important deal in land, and Morgan is reported to be in it. In the case of the United States Steel Stocks there has been a considerable amount of buying going on, but the Ordinary have throughout been more in demand than the Preference. It is now stated upon good authority that there is already earned sufficient to pay 12 per cent. on the Ordinary, and that at least an interim division of 6 per cent. may be looked for.

MISCELLANEOUS.

There is not very much business in this section, save in the case of one or two shares. Coats' have been depressed, upon the rumour that Mr. O. E. Philippi is about to retire from active management. There is no confirmation of this, nor is there any good ground for any serious depression in prices. Super Aeration have been dull, but have recovered. An active demand exists for London Super Aeration shares. Some 1,000 instruments are contracted for for the General Post Office, and there are several large orders in hand for the big West-end hotels, which fully justify the present price of these shares. Dee Estates have come prominently into notice, and at the present price of 7s. there is good room for a rise in them. The issue of 200,000 new shares in Vickers is the cause of the dulness in these quotations. Calico Printers are very weak on the poor report. Lively times may be expected at the meeting in Manchester, on Tuesday next, when the directors are to be called to task. It would be interesting to learn what the Typewriting Telegraph Corporation is now doing. Probably the secretary will enlighten shareholders.

SOUTH AFRICAN MINES.

In the Kaffir section there has been a greater amount of activity than for some time past, chiefly because of the belief that we are nearing the end of the war. Some are inclined to put it down as likely to be finished within a month, but those in the best position to judge place August as the date. The buying which has been going on has not been wholly professional. Some good orders from the provinces have been placed during the week, and East Rands, Randfonteins, Modders, Gold Fields, and Transvaal Exploring seem to be the pick of the market for a rise. In the Rhodesian section Chartered have been in fair demand, and there seems, in view of the quarters from which buying orders have come, that there will be a further rise both in these and Willoughbys.

WEST AFRICANS.

The West African section has been buoyant during the week, and justly so now that the operators who are not prepared to take up shares have been weeded out. There have been several new ventures placed before the public during the past week, and the response has been a generous one. The Wassau Consolidated Goldfields is now offering for subscription 100,000 shares of £1 each at par. The company has wisely decided to allocate 100,000 of the shares out of the 300,000 in order to provide sufficient working capital. The properties acquired have been well reported upon, and the reefs are of the well known Banket formation. The various concessions cover an area of over 600 square miles, and there is ample room for subsidiary companies. There is already an active demand for the shares, and there is every prospect of them reaching a high premium. In the case of Adamansu there have been good reports on the property, and now that the weak bulls have been cleared out there should be an upward movement in the shares. There has been a very active demand for Premiers, Kumassi Syndicates, and Empires, during the week. Those of my readers who have purchased Premiers have no reason to regret it. There is also no reason why they should sell at the present juncture. The same remark applies to Empire Shares and those of Kumassi Syndicate. For a long time past Union Jacks have been under a cloud. The board has now secured an African property, and those of my readers who have been impatient because their shares have not moved up will have the satisfaction of seeing them standing at much higher prices. There has been a very active demand for Kumasi Syndicate shares, and higher prices are looked for. London "Wags" have been in active demand, as also have West African Hinterlands. There is good reason to expect a further considerable rise in both instances, and a purchase of either at present prices need not be regretted.

STOCK MARKET.

CITY, Saturday.

Consols improved. Foreign Government Securities unmoved. Home Rails strong. Americans firm. Canadians buoyant. Kaffirs quiet. W. Africans unmoved. W. Australians rose. Miscellaneous steady. Closing prices:—Consols, 94 5-16 7-16; ditto Account, 94 5-16 7-16; Two-and-a-Half per Cents, 94½ 5.

BRITISH RAILWAYS.

Brighton, 143 34	Gt. Westrn., 139¾ 40¼
Do. Df., 133½ ¾	Hull & Barns., 32 1
Caledonian, 127 8	Lanc.&Yrks., 128 8
Do. Df., 44 ¾	Met'politan, 80 1
ChathamOrd., 17⅞ 18⅛	Do. District, 30 ¾
Do. Prf., 112 14	Midland Prf., 74⅞ 5⅜
Do. 2nd Prf., 81 2	Do. Def., 73 4
Cent. London, 9½ ⅝	N. British, 42 ¾
E. Lon. Consld. [illegible]	Do. Prf., 79 80
Gt Cent. Def., 11 ¾	North-East., 84⅞ 5⅜
Gt. Eastern, 93 4	Nth-West., 17. 4
Gt. Northern A, 38⅝ 9⅛	S.-East. Df., 68⅞ 9
Do. Df., 45¾ 6¼	S.-Western, 17[illegible]
Do. Prf., 105 7	Do. Def., 68 70

FOREIGN BONDS.

Argentine, 1886, 95½ 7	Hung'n 4's, 1881, 98 9
Do. Funded 97½ 8	Italian 5 p.c., 93½ ¾
B. Ayres Water, 81½ ¾	Japan 5p.C., 100 1
Brazilian, 1889, [illegible]	Mexcn 5p.C., 98 [illegible]
Do. 1895, 81 ¾	Do. Internal, 27½ ¾
Chilian, 1886, 92 4	Peruvian Cor., 4⅝ 5
Do. 1889, 78 81	Do. Prf., 19½ 20
Do. 1896, 91½ 1¾	Do. Deb., 77½ 8
Chinese 1896, 93½ 4¼	Portugese 3, 5⅝ ¾
Do. 4½ p.C., 80 1½	Russ. 4p. C., 100⅝ 1⅛
Egypt. Un., 105⅝ 7⅛	Spanish 4p.C., 7[illegible]
Do. scrip, 100 1	Turkish D., 25⅛ [illegible]
French 3p.C., 102 2	Do. C., 25⅝ 7⅛
Do. 3½ p.C., 101 3	Do. 1 91, 12 3
German 3 p.C., 88¾ 7	Do. 1894, 96 7
Greek, 1881, 40 1	Uruguay, 60¼ ¾

UNITED STATES RAILWAYS.

Atchison, 72½ 3	Norf & W'n. Pf., 89⅝ 90⅛
Do. Prf., 101 ½	Do. Common, 55⅞ [illegible]
Baltimore & Ohio, 105⅛ 6	N. Pacific Pf., 101¼ ¾
Can. Pacific, [illegible]	Do. Com., 111½ 12¼
Che. Milw. & St. P., 175½ ¾	Pennsylvania, 78½ ¾
Denv. & Rio G., 48½ 9	Ph. & Readg., 24½ [illegible]
Do. Prf., 97½ ¾	Do. 1st Prf., 38½ 9
Erie, 40⅝ ¾	Do. 2nd Prf., [illegible]
Do. 1st Prf., 71½ 2¾	Southern Prf., 81½ ¾
Illinois Cen., 144 [illegible]	Do. Prf., 85½ 6¼
Louis. & Nash., 108¼ ¾	Union Pacific, 110½ 11
Miss. & Texas, [illegible]	Do. Prf., 94 5
N. York Cen., 155¼ 7½	Wabash Prf., 44 ½
Do. & Ont., [illegible]	Do. Deb., 67½ ½

OTHER AMERICAN RAILWAYS, &c.

Argntine Gt. W., 111½ 12½	G. Tnk., 1st Pf., 97½ ⅝
Do. East, 42 4	Do. 2nd Prf., 74⅝ ⅞
B. Ayres Gt. So., 138 40	Do. 3rd Prf., 34¼ 5
Do. & Pacific, 88 8	Do. 4's Gd., [illegible]
Do. & Rosario, 83 9	Mexican Ord., 19 [illegible]
Do. Western, 10 ½	Do. 1st Prf., 70 [illegible]
Cnda. Pacific, 100½ 1	Do. 2nd Prf., 28 7
Cordoba & Ros., 63 5	Nitrate Rails, 5⅝ 6
Do. Cent. Prf., 84 6	Uruguay, Cen., [illegible]
Entre Rios Prf., 44 6	Do. North'n, 38 [illegible]
G. Trunk Ord., 11⅞ ⅛	W. Minas Ry., 21 [illegible]

MINES AND LANDS.

Abomah, 2⅝ ¾	Kalgurli, Fo., 7⅜ ⅝
Akinassi, 28 31	Kleinfontein, 1⅞ [illegible]
Angelo, 7 ¾	Knights, 5⅞ [illegible]
Anglo-French 3⅞ ⅛	Lake View, 9⅝ [illegible]
Ashanti G. fds., 7 ⅛	Langlaagte, 3⅞ [illegible]
A'hanti Gld Tst. [illegible]	[illegible], 19 2 3
Associated W.A. 9⅝ [illegible]	Mash'land Ag., 2⅛ [illegible]
Attasi, 1⅜ 2⅛	[illegible]
Axims, 2⅜ 3¼	Matabele G. Rf., 4⅝ [illegible]
[illegible], 2⅛ [illegible]	May, 4⅝ [illegible]
Bartie Gold, 5 6	Meyer & Ch., 5⅞ [illegible]
Bibiani Gfs. (fully paid) 4⅝ 5	Modderfontein, 12 [illegible]
Bibiani Gfs. (part paid) 3 [illegible]	Mount Lyell, 3 [illegible]
Bokitd, 1⅜ ⅝	Mount Morgan, 4⅛ [illegible]
Bonanza, 4⅞ [illegible]	Mysore, 5⅝ [illegible]
Broken Hill Prop. 45 6 46 6	Nigel, 3⅞ [illegible]
Brit G. Cst. Co. 5⅜ [illegible]	Nundydroog, 4⅛ [illegible]
Chaffers, 7/0 8/0	Obuasi, 7 ¼
Champion Reef, 5⅝ [illegible]	Oceana Land, 2⅝ [illegible]
Chartered, 3⅜ ¾	Offin Syn., 10 13
Clande's Ashanti Gfds. 1⅞ 2⅛	Oroya, 5⅝ [illegible]
City & Sub., 5⅜ [illegible]	Do. Prf., 6⅞ 7
Colonial Rubber, 1⅝ [illegible]	Paringa, 6 7 0
Con. Gld Flds Df., 7⅝ 8	Peak Hill, 2⅛ [illegible]
Crown Reef, 11⅛ [illegible]	Primrose, 4⅝ [illegible]
De Beers, 34⅜ [illegible]	Randfontein, 3⅝ [illegible]
Drf'n Roodp'tn. [illegible]	Rand Mines, [illegible]
Expiration New [illegible]	Do. East, 7⅝ [illegible]
Fanti Consols, 3⅞ [illegible]	Do. West, [illegible]
Fanti Corps., 1⅛ [illegible]	Rietfontein New, 1⅝ [illegible]
Ferreira, 21 2	Rhodesia Ltd., 1⅞ [illegible]
Geduld, 1⅝ [illegible]	Rio Tinto, 59¾ [illegible]
Goldenhuis, [illegible]	Robinson, 9⅞ [illegible]
Do. Deep, 10⅝ [illegible]	Rosen, 2⅝ [illegible]
George Goch, 2⅞ [illegible]	Salisbury, 2⅝ [illegible]
Glenburn, 2⅝ [illegible]	Sheba, 1⅝ [illegible]
Glencairn, 1¼ [illegible]	Simmer & Jack, 6⅝ [illegible]
Gds Hrecahen, 13⅝ ¾	Steyne Est., 2⅝ [illegible]
Gold Cst. Amal. Mines, 17⅝ ⅞	Straits Ind., 1⅝ [illegible]
Gld. of B. Akim 2⅝ 3	Tharsis, 7⅝ [illegible]
Gold Trust, 7⅝ [illegible]	Transvaal Exp. 2 3 7 3
Great Boulder 26 27 0	Transvaal Gold, 2⅝ [illegible]
Hampton Plains, 1⅞ [illegible]	Van Ryn, 3⅞ [illegible]
Han'an's B'hill 4⅝ [illegible]	Village M. R., 5⅞ [illegible]
Do. Props., 4 0 50	[illegible] G., 8⅝ [illegible]
Henry Nourse, 8½ ¾	[illegible]
Heriot, 6⅝ ¾	Wassau (Gold Coast), 7⅞ ⅛
Ivanhoe, 8¾ [illegible]	Wemmer, 11⅝ 12
Jagersfontein, 18⅝ [illegible]	W. Afrn. Corp. [illegible]
Joh'nsbg. Inv., 2½ [illegible]	W. Afrn. Mng. [illegible]
Jubilee, 6 ¼	W. Aurora Dp. [illegible]
Jumpers, 3¾ [illegible]	W. Austr. G. [illegible]
Kalgurli, 3⅝ [illegible]	White Feather, [illegible]
	Witbank, [illegible]
	Ymir, 1⅝ [illegible]

MISCELLANEOUS.

Allsopp, Ord., 2 [illegible]	Lipton's, 1⅝ ⅞
Allsopps, Prf., [illegible]	Lyons, 6⅞ ⅞
Bass, Ratc., Ord., 33 5	Machinery Tst., 2⅝ ⅞
Do. Def., [illegible] 10⅝	Rossmann, 3⅝ ⅞
Do. Prf., 5⅝ 6⅜	Russian Oil, [illegible]
[illegible]	Schweppe's, Df., 30 40
Impl. Contn., 11 12½	Welsbach, Ord., 2 1 6
Linotype Df., 5⅞ [illegible]	Do. Def., 3 1 4 0
Do. Prf., 4⅝ [illegible]	Do. Prf., 39 41

* Premium. † Ex div.

Only Stocks, Bonds, or Shares which were dealt in yesterday are quoted in the above list.

FINANCIAL ANSWERS.

THA.—There are many better industrials. Buy some London Super Aeration.

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F. M.—The address of the company is 3 and 4, Great Winchester-st., E.C. The address of the director you mention is 4, Manchester-sq., W.

Below will be found the abridged prospectus of the Wassau Consolidated Goldfields (Ltd.). This company has been formed to acquire mining and other properties in the Gold Coast Colony West Africa. The share capital is £300,000, in £1 shares, 100,000 of which are now offered for subscription. The reports of experts are of a favourable character. The list opens to-morrow and closes on Wednesday, for London, and Thursday noon for the country.

BIG MIDDLESEX TRAM SCHEME.

The Middlesex County Council have authorised the construction of electric tramways from Tottenham, through Wood Green, to a point near Colney Hatch Lunatic Asylum, and from the London boundary at Highgate Archway along the Great North road to Hertfordshire boundary near Whetstone. The total cost will exceed half a million of money.

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SOLICITORS.

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Woodthorpe, Bevan and Co., Chartered Accountants, 1, Leadenhall-street, E.C.; Lowe and Mounsey, Chartered Accountants, 1, Lord-st., Liverpool.

CONSULTING ENGINEER.

A. A. BLOW, M.A.I.M.E.

ENGINEER AND MANAGER.

J. M. DONALD, M. and M.E., late Manager of the Robinson Gold Mining Company (Limited), S. Africa.

SECRETARY (PRO TEM.) AND OFFICES.

H. READ SMITH, 51, Walbrook, E.C.

THIS COMPANY has been formed with the objects mentioned in the memorandum of association, and as its first operations to acquire the under-mentioned mining and other properties, concessions and rights in the Gold Coast Colony, West Africa, for the purposes of prospecting, developing, and working or re-selling all or such of them as may be deemed most advantageous to the company from time to time.

The approximate total area of these properties, as stated in the various concessions, is upwards of 600 square miles.

The properties comprised in the concessions have been reported on by

(1) Mr. W. J. Gilbert, M.E., of Camborne, Cornwall, late manager of the Taquah and Abosso Gold Mining Company (Limited).

(2) Mr. W. Shaw Duncan, C.E., M.E., who also has had considerable experience on the West Coast.

Copies of these reports accompany the prospectus.

The company have secured the services, as engineer and manager, of Mr. J. M. Donald, M. and M.E., who was for some time manager of the Robinson Gold Mining Company (Limited), then manager of the May Consolidated Gold Mining Company (Limited), and also manager of the Bonanza Consolidated Mines (Limited), all of Johannesburg. Mr. Donald has had great experience in the development of mining properties and the Banket formation on the Rands, South Africa, and will proceed to West Africa to direct the company's operations there.

PARTICULARS OF MINING PROPERTIES AND OTHER RIGHTS OBTAINED FROM THE CONCESSIONS.

Name, Area, and Situation of Property as specified in Grant or Lease.	Particulars of Grant or Leases and Registration in the Register of Conveyances of Lease in the Gold Coast Colony.
1. Ashraku—About 160 square miles on the left bank of the River Ancobra, Axim.	Freehold, under a Deed of Conveyance to one Peter Henry Thompson, dated 2nd November, 1896, registered 6th Jan. 1897.
2. Takwa or Wimi—About 45 square miles on the south of the Wimi Creek Wassau.	Perpetual lease, dated 23rd May, 1892, registered 17th June 1892.
3. Bonsa or Bonsah—About 50 square miles on the right bank of the River Bonsah, Wassau.	Lease dated 21st March, 1892, for 20 years, registered 17th June 1892.
4. Bawoyea — About 1,000 fathoms square, on the west of the River Ancobra, Apinto, Wassau.	Lease dated 10th January, 1896, for 99 years; registered 23rd March, 1896.
5. Brocoon—About 12 square miles, on the left bank of the River Foola, Appinto, Wassau.	Lease dated 10th January, 1896, for 99 years; registered 23rd March, 1896.
6. Monikuma — About 8 square miles, on the left bank of the River Foola, Appinto, Wassau.	Lease dated 8th July, 1897, for 99 years; registered 1st October, 1897.
7. Teasiwa Concession—About 8 square miles, on the left bank of the River Foola, Appinto, Wassau.	Lease dated 8th July, 1897, for 99 years; registered 1st October, 1897.
8. Quainsa and Asu Bankesa—About 8 square miles on the left bank of the River Ancobra, Axim.	Lease dated 8th September, 1899, for 99 years; registered 23rd December, 1899.

In addition to the above-mentioned properties the Company further acquires all the rights of the African (Western) Exploration and Development Syndicate (Limited), under 19 additional concessions over properties in Axim and Wassau, comprising an area of about 378 square miles. The nature and extent of the last-mentioned rights will require investigation.

Copies of the Prospectus in relation to the above Company a copy of which has been duly filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, containing the particulars required by the Companies Act, 1900, may be obtained from the Bankers and Brokers and at the offices of the Company.

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AWFUL DISASTER AT A GERMAN POWDER FACTORY.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

One of the most disastrous explosions on record occurred in the Smokeless Powder "Electron Factory" at Griesheim, near Frankfort, on Thursday afternoon. Most of the boilers exploded, and the noise was so tremendous that it was audible all over the neighbourhood, including Frankfort and Mayence. Eighty persons are known to have been killed, and over 150 more or less fatally injured. An explosion of picric acid is supposed to have been the primary cause of the catastrophe. There was first a fire in the explosives department, and the Griesheim firemen were engaged in suppressing it when

A TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION

occurred. Eighteen cylinders, each containing about 100cwt. of smokeless powder, were in the room where the explosion occurred. Instantly huge flames burst forth on all sides and spread with frightful speed to the adjacent buildings and then over the Main to the village of Schwanheim. A second explosion took place, and the scene of the disaster became almost unapproachable. The inhabitants of Griesheim were ordered to quit the village. They fled to Frankfort. Soldiers were ordered at once to Griesheim, to prevent the spread of the fire to the large benzine reservoirs near the place. The fire brigades at every place in the neighbourhood were sent to the scene, and a number of medical men hastened to Griesheim

TO AID THE INJURED.

The work of recovering the injured and the bodies of the killed was carried on by torchlight, as the gas supply was interrupted. Four ambulance posts were extemporised for giving preliminary attention to the injured, and all ordinary railway traffic with Frankfort was suspended until after eight o'clock in order to keep the line clear for the trains conveying the injured. A further explosion occurred during the night, when a shed filled with benzine tanks caught fire, the benzine exploding with terrible force and throwing masses of flame in all directions. Early next morning the inhabitants were allowed to return to their homes where such had escaped the ravages of the fire. The damage to property is enormous. Many persons are missing. Eighty bodies have been recovered, and more are believed to be still

BURIED UNDER THE RUINS.

Several children were hurled bodily by the force of the explosion into the River Main, and were drowned before a rescue could be effected. A number of firemen are among the victims. On account of a further explosion of benzine the firemen, salvage corps, and soldiers have now left the scene of the disaster. Railway communication between Griesheim, Frankfort, and Hoechst has been suspended on account of the danger. The fire had at midnight been so far extinguished that all further danger was then regarded as averted. About 1,000 people have been thrown out of employment. The conflagration has also destroyed Marx and Muellen's Chemical Factory, and part of the Griesheim Colour Works.

A TERRIBLE PANIC.

The hope that all further danger of explosions had been averted was not realised. On Friday morning the signal was given that all the inhabitants of Griesheim and vicinity, and other persons who happened to be in the place, must leave at once, as an explosion of the great benzine reservoir was apprehended. Even the firemen, salvage corps, and soldiers left the scene of the disaster. Most of the inhabitants fled, panic-stricken, to Frankfort, several women and children being trampled under foot.

CAUSE OF THE DISASTER.

It has now been ascertained that the catastrophe was in the first place due to a slight fire which ignited several cylinders of picric acid, thus causing a terrific explosion. Some of the houses adjoining the factory were set on fire, while others were demolished by the concussion.

THE PAYING GUEST.

A DEAD CO-RESPONDENT.

DIVORCE COURT STORY.

In the Divorce Court, Justice Barnes heard the petition of Mr. William Henry Walpole, a solicitor, who holds a registrarship at Ipswich, for the dissolution of his marriage with Minnie Walpole, on the ground of her alleged adultery with George Chamberlain. Respondent denied the charge, and counter-charged her husband with cruelty and adultery, which he denied. Mr. B. Deane appeared for petitioner, and Mr. H. Chambers for respondent. Mr. J. H. Murphy held a watching brief for a party interested.—Mr Deane said Mr. Chamberlain was examined before his lordship about a year and a half ago, on the eve of his going to S. Africa with the Imperial Yeomanry. He had since died, and his name had been

STRUCK OUT OF THE SUIT

by order of the court. Mr. and Mrs. Walpole were married at the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace, on Sept. 3, 1893, and they finally separated in July, 1899. There were no children of the marriage. Mr. Walpole at the time had some business occupation in the neighbourhood of Southsea; but in June, 1895, he came to London. Mrs. Walpole told her husband that she had made the acquaintance of George Chamberlain, who was living in lodgings in the neighbourhood, where he was practising as a masseur. Mrs. Walpole told her husband that he was uncomfortable in his rooms, and suggested that they should have him as a paying guest. Petitioner did not like the idea, but at the earnest desire of his wife he allowed him to come. It turned out that in 1896 Chamberlain was often

IN THE FLAT THE WHOLE DAY.

He would leave in the morning before Mr. Walpole, return immediately Mr. Walpole had gone, and remain in the flat the whole day. Subsequently she went to stay at Sandgate. Husband and wife lived apart until March, 1900, at which time petitioner had been appointed district registrar at Ipswich. Meanwhile there was a correspondence between the parties, and eventually a formal agreement drawn up. While at Ipswich respondent complained that the place was dull and uninteresting. She said she required amusement, and must have a day in London, where it seemed she had kept on a flat. She was watched, and as a result the petition was presented.—Mr. Walpole was called and supported counsel's statement. At the time he allowed George Chamberlain to come as a paying guest he was

NOT VERY WELL OFF.

—Cross-examined: Before the marriage he and his wife lived with their respective mothers at Hampton Court Palace. They went to Wales for their honeymoon, but while there respondent did not complain that he left her to go fishing. He denied that while living at Maypole Mansions he used to return home drunk. He had never struck his wife or threatened her with a revolver.—Dr. E. F. Elliott, of Southampton, said that his wife and Mrs. Walpole were sisters. He always found petitioner the

MOST COURTEOUS OF MEN.

—Witness deposed to interviews he had with Mrs. Walpole and George Chamberlain. Mrs. Walpole always denied misconduct, but said that she wanted to be divorced, although innocent, as she wanted to marry Chamberlain, whom she "dearly loved."—Jane Clark, a servant at the flat, spoke to seeing Chamberlain kiss Mrs. Walpole. Witness had seen them together under suspicious circumstances. —Further evidence was given in support of petitioners case by Mrs. Evelyn Marion Cooke, who stated that in October last she obtained a decree nisi against her husband by reason of his desertion and adultery. In the summer of 1897 she was engaged at the Ivy Work Association in Cromwell-rd., where she made the acquaintance of Mrs. Walpole. They became on friendly terms, and Mrs. Walpole told her about Mr. George Chamberlain, to whom she referred as her "co." She said she had left her husband in consequence of a

QUARREL ABOUT THE "CO."

Subsequently witness was introduced to Chamberlain. Once she found him in Mrs. Walpole's bed-room lacing her bodice.—Did you say anything? I said, "Is this wise, Walpole?" She said, "It's all right; Alice (the servant) could not come."—What did they call each other? George and Minnie. Once he called Mrs. Walpole "dear." — In further examination witness said that while at Ipswich Mrs. Walpole was always in a bad temper. She would never be alone with her husband for a minute. Mr. Walpole did his best to propitiate her, and wanted her to return and live with him. She talked about Mr. Chamberlain as her "dumpling"—(laughter)—and had told witness that she was very fond of him. He had given Mrs. Walpole a gold bangle, and also a ring. Witness called Mr. Walpole "William," and he called her "Eva."

HE CALLED HER "EVA,"

as she objected to "Cooke."—Cross-examined: Her husband was at one time secretary of the Waterloo Club, in Regent-st. Her decree nisi had not yet been made absolute. Mrs. Walpole had been very kind to her, and had told witness that her husband was a drunkard and was cruel to her. She had never called Mr. Walpole "Willie," or spoken of him as "Willie." Mr. Walpole had given her a bicycle, but with Mrs. Walpole's approval.—Have you walked out with Mr. Walpole? Yes, at Mrs. Walpole's request, at which time she was ill.

THE DEFENCE.

—Mr. Hammond Chambers submitted that not a vestige of a case had been made out against respondent. As to the charge of adultery against Mrs. Cooke and Mr. Walpole, evidence would be given to the effect that they were always together, and that on one occasion she was found sitting on his knee. At Ipswich great intimacy existed between them, and it was alleged that they were in the habit of going into each other's bed-room.—Mrs. Minnie Walpole (respondent) was called, and stated that she was engaged to petitioner for six years. Both their respective mothers had rooms at Hampton Court Palace. Before her marriage she was staying with Lady Walpole, and one night Mr. Walpole came to her bed-room.

AFTER THE HONEYMOON

she ascertained that he drank. In January, 1895, she first made the acquaintance of Mr. George Chamberlain. In 1896 she refused to occupy the same room as her husband, as he said he would leave her for another woman. She asked him why he married her, and he said "a wife is cheaper than women." She had never kissed him and had never made use of the expression, "when the cat's away the mice will play." She had never said Mr. Chamberlain was her "co," and from the first had protested her innocence. It was not true that she referred to Mr. Chamberlain as her "dumpling."—Adjourned.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

We have received the following official statement:—"The P. and O. steamship Co. regret to announce that they have received telegraphic advice that their steamer Sobraon, which left Shanghai with the homeward mails on the morning of the 23rd inst. went ashore on the Tong Ying Islands in a dense fog, at 3 a.m. on the 24th April. The mails and passengers, which left the ship in native craft, have been safely landed at Foochau. The company's steamer Coromandel, which was at Shanghai, has been instructed to proceed to the assistance of the Sobraon, with the utmost despatch."

The company further informs us that the mails from the stranded steamer, and the corresponding mails from Hong Kong and the Straits Settlements, will be forwarded to Europe by a North German-Lloyd steamer.

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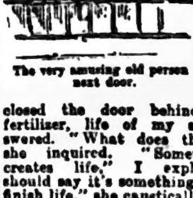
I TAKE TO GARDENING.

I love flowers. To me they represent hope in its perennial form. They prove in their annual recurrence that life is always existent. The lady of the house says the words are pretty, but the practice (on my part) is faulty, and up till the beginning of this month the feminine finger of scorn pointed at the particle of wilderness that insists in clinging to the back of our house. Even this could not have moved me had I not caught sight of the man next door but one to me, and on the opposition newspaper, busy in his elysium of bliss and prospective geraniums. He is quoted by my lady as the correct pattern of a husband. I've no doubt his wife reciprocates. It was an unfeeling challenge on his part. I dug, delved, and digged in answer. I've read of worms. Heard talk of worms. The late lamented and extremely observant Darwin said that worms were useful in a garden, and further remarked that they enriched the soil. I think my worms—they were nice fat ones of their sort must have rather appreciated the soil; for after a few mornings when the worms and myself were on a more sociable footing, they seemed to look up into my face in quite a plaintive manner, and a lack of earthy refreshment suggesting that I should stand them a "mouldy breakfast." The newspaper man next door but one must have observed my movements, for he awaited a favourable wind that blew dead on my garden, and then lit an evil-smelling bonfire. All the animal life in the shape of Don Juan Toms and broken-hearted Tabbies of the neighbourhood under its all-conquering fumes sought a refuge on my back bit of earth and worms. It also drove me indoors and to bad language. But I enjoy one satisfaction, our circulation is going up, and he can burn his blood-red bonfires. I rested, but on the sixth day I finished business early and once more emulated the primitive and original labour of the unappreciated and old original gardener, poor old Cain. My next door neighbour with a great interest in my proceedings is a man with an inane laugh and weak ginger whiskers, who poses as an authority on gardening, on a rather weak reputation built on having once reared an Imperial red tomato plant, and six beetroots on the sunny side of his garden. The professional gardener who holds a freehold bit of waste at the back also takes a keen interest in my labours. He is a man of few words. For some minutes he watched me in gloomy silence. Perhaps he thought I was making a mean attempt to start an opposition and rob him. Then he murmured "Fertilizer." "What's that," I remarked. He smiled a pitying smile, and said, "I will drop some over to-morrow morning." I did not see the fertilizer arrive on the following morning. But I felt it had. The "girl" knocked at the bed-room door, and with her fingers firmly planted to her nose, remarked that an earthquake had evidently taken place at the bottom of the garden. We shut all the back windows, and watched with bated breath and muffled nose the mass of sullen-looking and rebellious matter that held possession of the back garden. "What is it?" inquired the lady of the house, as she stood on the front step, and carefully closed the door behind her. "A fertilizer, life of my soul," I answered. "What does that mean?" she inquired. "Something that creates life," I explained. "I should say it's something that would finish life," she caustically remarked. And then we indulged in recriminations, in which artificial nourishment, scent, and marriage obligations were rather freely mixed. One hope lingered in my mind. I would ask the market gardener to charge me for the whole of it, and take half back as a little present. He met my suggestion with a clinking grasp of the hand. "Charge you; never! I'm a man of few words. Keep it all." Then he added, as an after-thought, "In fact I'm rather glad to get rid of it." I knew he was. I distributed that fertilizer amongst my neighbours. They hummed and ha'ad, but it saved them from running in the middle of the road with a fire shovel, and they accepted the gift in a semi-reluctant manner. The worms emigrated, perhaps the food was too strong for them, and in less than a fortnight the garden was covered with a tangled mass of verdure. I was afraid to look down to see if a sunflower seed had germinated. I was nervous of the plant springing up and striking me in the face. The suddenness of growth was appalling. The plants seemed to reach their majority before they had finished their infancy, their maturity they never attained. After reaching about three feet of reedy growth they would droop their tired heads and wither away, whither nobody knows. I tore up the tangled mass of miasmatic growth, and went in for some modest daisies and pinks. I used this time a fertiliser in a tin warranted free from smell. It was white and rather pleasant-looking. It was late when I came home with the tin and spread it over the flower bed. The girl rose early the next morning, and mistook it for a hoar frost, and I found her pouring a kettle of boiling water over it to perish the effects. The professional gardener is now busy on the ground. He, as I said, is a man of few words, but no doubt he thinks a lot.

CHRIS.

The worms and I began to look out for each other.



The very amusing old person next door.

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HOUSE OF LORDS.

MONDAY.

FORM OF THE ACCESSION OATH.

A petition was presented by Lord Balfour of Burleigh from the Presbytery of Abernethy against the proposed alteration of the terms of the oath in favour of Protestantism, and the Bishop of Hereford presented a bill to render penal the inciting of persons to betting and wagering. —The bill was read a first time.—Their lordships rose at 4.30.

TUESDAY.

TO PREVENT CORRUPTION.

Lord Alverstone, in moving the second reading of the Prevention of Corruption Bill, said that it was practically the same measure which had been discussed by the Chamber last session. He hoped that the great work of his predecessor would result in an effective statute being passed which would put an end to a serious abuse.—The Lord Chancellor said it seemed to him that the bill was most useful, and certainly in its design a most valuable one. He supported the view that it should be read a second time, and this was subsequently done.

THURSDAY.

MARRIAGE LEGISLATION BILL.

Lord Belper presented a Bill, which was read a first time, for legalising marriages in certain churches.—Several private Bills were advanced a stage, and their lordships adjourned.

FRIDAY.

THE ARMY ANNUAL BILL.

The Earl of Denbigh, replying to Lord Monteagle of Brandon, said the Government would grant a return giving details with reference to workhouse infirmaries in Ireland.—The Army annual Bill was brought up from the Commons, and the Standing Orders having been suspended, was, on the motion of Lord Raglan, passed through all its stages.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY.

TROOPS IN HOSPITAL.

From among many questions put to Ministers, most interest attached to those having reference, direct or indirect, to the war.—Mr. Brodrick told Mr. Ellis that 20,671 persons were being accommodated in the concentration camps in the unsettled areas, and Lord Stanley gave Mr. W. Redmond the information that on March 8 last there were 13,993 British troops in hospital in South Africa.—Mr. Chamberlain was asked by Mr. A. Davies whether the Government would sell any rights they possessed against the Chartered Company on account of the Jameson Raid, and was told that if he wished to tender he should send his offer to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.—In response to Mr. Dillon, the Secretary for War announced that the campaign against the Boers was costing about a million and a half weekly.

A ROMAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.

On the motion to go into Committee of Supply on the Civil Service Estimates, Mr. Roche brought forward a resolution in favour of securing for Roman Catholics in Ireland "equally with other members of the community, facilities for university education without violence to their religious feelings."—Mr. Dillon seconded, and an animated debate went on for some time.

TUESDAY.

DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET.

Mr. Kearley asked leave to move the adjournment of the House in order to call attention to "the levying of the Customs duty on the weight of articles containing sugar instead of on the sugar contained therein"; but the Speaker ruled that the matter was not urgent, and refused to put the question.—Sir M. Hicks-Beach promised, however, to do his best to remedy the grievance thus brought up.—The House then went into Committee of Ways and Means, and passed the resolution raising the income tax to 1s. 2d. in the pound.

WEDNESDAY.

DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER BILL.

The second reading of the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill was carried by a majority of 157. Sir W. Gurdon brought up the necessary motion, urging on behalf of the measure that if a general election were fought upon it not a single borough or county would return a member opposed to its principle. Mr. Griffith - Boscawen moved and Mr. Sharpe seconded the rejection of the bill, but chief in hostility and vigour among its opponents were Earl Percy, a chance remark from whom raised a brief storm on the Irish Nationalist benches, and Lord Hugh Cecil, who implied that the enactment was promoted by a limited ring of people who had broken the law and wished Parliament to whitewash their characters.

THURSDAY.

On the order for the third reading of the G.E.R. Bill, amendments were moved by Mr. Keir-Hardie and Mr. Bell, but were rejected on divisions.—Several questions on the coal export duty were put by Mr. D. A. Thomas and answered by Mr. G. Balfour and the Chancellor of the Exchequer.—Mr. A. Chamberlain told Mr. Bayley that the Postmaster-General was not prepared to recommend another inquiry into the conditions of employment under his department.—The Army Annual Bill was read a third time.—The House then went into Committee of Ways and Means. The resolutions for the continuance of the tea and the tobacco, beer, and spirit duties were discussed, the first being passed by 221 to 130, after an amendment had been rejected by similar figures.

FRIDAY.

EDUCATION BILL PROMISED.

Mr. Balfour informed Dr. Macnamara that the Government hoped to introduce an Education Bill into the representative Chamber some time before Whitsuntide.—Subsequently, on the vote for the law officers of the Crown in Committee of Supply, Mr. Caldwell moved a reduction in the salary of the Attorney-General, in order to call attention to the large sums paid to that Minister and to the Solicitor-General during the last two years.—The reduction was rejected by 185 to 152.

SIR MICHAEL AND THE DEPUTATION FROM S. WALES.

Replying to the deputation from South Wales, Sir M. Hicks-Beach said they had not convinced him by their arguments that the tax would have the disastrous results they anticipated, and he could not take the same gloomy view of their industry as they did. The Chancellor asked if any particular class of coal would be hit more than another. He was convinced that better class coal could stand the tax perfectly well. Mr. Shaw, for the deputation said they could not draw a line. Questions on the remission on contracts were asked, but Sir Michael refused to go into details.

LONDON SCHOOL BOARD.

On the motion of the Hon. Lyulph Stanley, the London School Board decided to carry the Cockerton case no further in the courts, but to urge upon the Education Department the desirability of taking steps during the present session "to secure to School Boards the right to maintain all their schools, both day and evening, by the aid of the school rate and the school fund generally, in accordance with the provisions of the education codes in force for the time being."

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OFFICIAL NOTICES.

SALE OF H.M. SHIPS.

TENDERS will be received until 12 o'clock noon on FRIDAY, the 10th May, 1901, for the purchase of the following ships as they lie at the Dockyards named (to which British Subjects only will be admitted):—

Ship.	Lying at.	Tonnage (B.M.)
CHAMPION	CHATHAM	[illegible]
RATTLESNAKE	DEVONPORT	437

Forms of Tender, containing conditions of Contract and all particulars, may be obtained on personal application at this Office, or by letter addressed "Director of Navy Contracts, Admiralty, S.W."

GORDON MILLER,
Director of Navy Contracts.

Contract Department,
Admiralty, S.W.
11th April, 1901.

OFFICERS & SOLDIERS' BALANCES UNCLAIMED.

IN PURSUANCE of the "Regimental Debts Act, [illegible]," Notice is hereby given that His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department has available for distribution among the NEXT-OF-KIN or others entitled the SUM OF MONEY set opposite to the name of each of the deceased Officers and Soldiers named in the list, which is published with this notice in the "London Gazette" and the "Army List," and is also to be seen at the Regimental Districts for the Pension Service throughout the United Kingdom.

Applications from persons supposing themselves entitled as Next-of-Kin should be addressed by letter to "The Under Secretary of State, War Office, London, S.W.," [illegible].

By order of the said Principal Secretary.

1641 R. H. KNOX.

War Office, April, 1901.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE PROBATE DIVORCE AND ADMIRALTY DIVISION (PROBATE)

TO THE NEXT-OF-KIN if any and all persons having or claiming any interest in the estate of MARIA EMILY MITCHELL deceased of 4 Trinity-place Harlesden in the County of Middlesex.

TAKE NOTICE that a Citation has issued citing you within 30 days after publication thereof to enter an appearance to be entered for you in the principal Probate Registry of the Court at Somerset House Strand London and accept or refuse Letters of Administration of the Estate of MARIA EMILY MITCHELL of 4 Trinity-place Harlesden Middlesex widow deceased or show cause why the same should not be granted to WILLIAM MISKELLA a creditor of the said deceased with an intimation that in default of your appearance Letters of Administration will be granted to the said WILLIAM MISKELLA

D. W. OWEN
Registrar

Solicitors:
HOWARD and ATHERTON
15 [illegible]-lane
London.

PURSUANT

TO AN ORDER of the CHANCERY DIVISION of the HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE made in the matter of the Estate of WILLIAM PETTENDEN SHIRLEY deceased Grant v. Hough 1900 S. 4,466 an enquiry is directed in the following terms viz. an enquiry whether THOMAS KIPPING who was one of the Next-of-kin of the Testator WILLIAM PETTENDEN SHIRLEY is living or dead and if dead when he died and if he died since the 11th of December 1898 whether he died testate or intestate and who is his legal personal representative.

Now the said THOMAS KIPPING late of Essex-street Strand London Solicitor if living or his legal personal representative if he died since the said 11th of December 1898 is by his solicitor on or before the 22nd day of July 1901 to come in and prove his claim at the Chamber of Mr. Justice Joyce at the Royal Courts of Justice Strand London or in default thereof he will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order.

The 30th day of July 1901 at 12 o'clock at noon at Room 696 in the said Chambers is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the claim.

Dated this 19th day of April 1901.

HON. JOHN VILLIERS
Master

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16 Bartlett's-buildings London England
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Maidstone Kent England
Solicitors for the Executors

MATRIMONIAL.

MATRIMONY.—Advertiser, 51, domesticated, superior family, no means, wishes to meet retired Man, comfortable position, 50 to 62.—A., Box [illegible], "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

MATRIMONY.—Bachelor, 34, own business, profits £300 yearly, after living and expenses, seeks Lady, similar means or business.—Confidential, Box [illegible], "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

YOUNG MAN, gentlemanly, no means, would like to meet Lady with means, view matrimony.—Address, in confidence, to F. C. R., Box [illegible], "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

TWO LADIES, thoroughly domesticated, in London, 24 and 30, desire to meet nice Gentlemen in comfortable position, view to matrimony; particulars, confidential.—G., Box 370, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

MATRIMONY. Bachelor, gentlemanly appearance, civil servant wishes acquaintance of affectionate Lady of means or in business preferred, send particulars.—C. S., Box 292, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

WOULD respectable Spinster or Widow, with means, property, or business, correspond with country merchant, age 34, capital and reference, view early marriage, no agents.—E. Y., Box 305, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

A WIDOW LADY, 49, with good home and business, would wish to meet with honourable Man, about 50-55, who has a fair income; one who would appreciate an affectionate wife; agents ignored.—S. A., Box 335, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

TRADESMAN, tall, dark, age 34, wishes to meet respectable, fair Young Lady, age about 20, must be amiable and attractive; no cyclists need write, and only those enclosing photo can be replied to.—W. M., Box 354, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

MATRIMONY.—Widow Lady, no encumbrance, good health, appearance, domesticated, musical, desires acquaintance of kind Gentleman, over 40, no encumbrance, and wishing for nice wife.—Address, by letter only, to Mrs. Ormande, 203, Portobello-road, Notting Hill, W. Agents ignored.

MATRIMONY.—Bachelor, Jack, engaged in City, tired of lodgings, would like to meet fair Lady, about 35, with means or income equal to own, to make life comfortable; genuine advertisement; no agents; highest references.—Address, first instance, R. L., 51, [illegible]-street, London.

MATRIMONIAL—(Continued).

MATRIMONY.—Elderly Gentleman wishes to correspond with Widow Lady.—I. E. C., c.o. West, 2, Sherwood-street, W.

MATRIMONY.—Widow, in business, would correspond with a Man, 60, with means.—S., [illegible] P.O., Lee, Kent.

YOUNG MAN (25), no means, wishes to hear from Lady, under 35, with small means, view marriage; genuine.—Write, T., Box 300, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

GENTLEMAN, 39, in business, desires correspondence with Lady, with small income; no agents; strictly genuine.—Bachelor, Box 358, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

GENTLEMAN, tall, good appearance, fair position, seeks acquaintance with Lady, view to matrimony; genuine; photo.—L., Box 360, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

MATRIMONY.—Superior Working Man, age 48, wishes to correspond with Lady having small capital. Full particulars.—T. G., Box 369, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

MATRIMONY.—Widow, refined, age 47, good home, £40 saved, would like to meet honourable partner in good position.—E. H., Box 349, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

MATRIMONY.—Widow, young, tall, fair, beautiful, comfortable home, would like to correspond with Gentleman, rich.—Lisa, 45, Shaftesbury-avenue (Kelly's).

WILL Elderly Gentleman, with means, correspond with Lady, good home, no means, view matrimony.—Letters, address E. Cook, 183, [illegible]-road, Fulham.

WIDOW, without encumbrance, has home, but no means, age 42, desires marriage with honourable Man in a position to keep a wife; agents ignored.—G., Box 358, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

MATRIMONY.—Gentleman, 26, with capital, good position, wishes to meet Young Lady, 20 to 24, well educated, musical preferred, with small means or income; photo returned.—Musicus, Box 330, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

MATRIMONY.—Bachelor, 34, above average height, good appearance and position, desires to meet Spinster or Widow, with means preferred; replies treated strictly confidential; photos and references exchanged; no intermediaries.—Address, Trust, Box 345, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

GENTLEMAN, 22, wishes acquaintance with domesticated Lady, about same age, with £200, view matrimony; advertiser in present employ 13 months, has chance to acquire his employer's old business; no agents need apply.—Letters, E. Y., Box 4,321, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

OFFICIAL SITUATIONS.

Islington New Infirmary. HIGHGATE HILL, N.

WANTED a FEMALE ASSISTANT COOK. Previous experience in a large Institution essential. Commencing salary £30 per annum, together with board, lodging, washing, and uniform.—Apply, stating experience, &c., to the Steward of the Establishment.

St. Marylebone Workhouse.

WANTED, a NURSE for night duty in Lying-in Ward. Must be Midwife. Age 25 to 35. Salary £25 per annum, rising £1 annually to £30, with the usual resident allowances.—Personal application to the Matron of the Workhouse, Northumberland-street, Baker-street, W. April 20th, 1901.

WANTED, at the NORTH-WESTERN FEVER HOSPITAL, Lawn-road, Fleet-road, Hampstead, N.W. (under the Metropolitan Asylums Board):—

(1) A LAUNDRYMAID. Wages £18, rising to £20.

(2) WARDMAIDS. Wages £18, rising to £20.

Board, lodging, washing, and uniform in each case. Apply to the Matron (either personally, 10 to 1, or by letter, with copies of testimonials.

17th April, 1901.

Boy Messengers.

WANTED by the London and India Docks Company. Age 12 to 14 years. Commencing pay 6s. per week and uniform. Good prospects of promotion.—Apply at the Secretary's Office, Dock House, 109, Leadenhall-street, E.C.

J. G. BROODBANK,
Secretary.

Dock House,
109, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
20th April, 1901.

St. George's Union, London. FEMALE BATH ATTENDANT.

THE GUARDIANS require a FEMALE BATH ATTENDANT at their Workhouse in the Fulham-road, S.W. Candidates must be single women or widows, between the ages of 25 and 40 years. Remuneration, £18 for the first year, £19 for the second, and £20 for the third and subsequent years of service, the usual resident allowances and uniform, and £5 per annum in lieu of beer, subject to the percentage deduction prescribed by the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896.—Apply personally to the Matron on Monday, May 6th, between 2 and 3 p.m.

St. George's Union, London. MALE NURSE.

THE GUARDIANS require a MALE NURSE for Relief Duty at their Workhouse in the Fulham-road, S.W. Candidates must be single men, between the ages of 25 and 40 years, with previous experience in nursing. Remuneration £25 for the first year, £26 for the second, and £28 for the third and subsequent years of service, the usual resident allowances and uniform, and £5 per annum in lieu of beer.

Forms of application may be obtained of Mr. F. H. Alderton, Master of the Workhouse. Selected candidates will be written to.

St. George's Union, London.

THE GUARDIANS require a LYING-IN WARD NURSE at their Workhouse in Wallis-yard, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Remuneration £30 per annum, rising by annual increments of £2 10s. to a maximum of £40 per annum, resident allowances, £5 per annum in lieu of beer, and 30s. per annum in lieu of uniform.

Applicants must be single women or widows without encumbrance, between the ages of 25 and 50 years. They must have had three years' training in a recognised training school for nurses, hold a certificate, obtained after examination, and a certificate of the Obstetrical Society.—Apply to the Matron at the Workhouse not later than Saturday, the 4th May. The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

Hospital of Isolation at Aldbury (near TRING).

THE JOINT COMMITTEE require the services of an able-bodied MAN AND WIFE (without family, and whose respective ages should not exceed 40 years), the man as PORTER and the wife as COOK, at the Hospital, both to render such other services as may be required of them.

Wages (jointly) £40 per annum, all found.

Applications, with copies of recent testimonials or references, and stating particulars of previous employment, and when disengaged, must reach me at Hemel Hempstead not later than Saturday, 4th May.

SAML. STALLON,
Clerk to the Committee.

Hemel Hempstead,
April 24th, 1901.

Hemel Hempstead Union. ASSISTANT NURSE.

THE GUARDIANS of the above Union require the services of an ASSISTANT NURSE.

Salary £20 per annum (rising by annual increments to £30), uniform, rations, and apartments, and £5 per annum in lieu of beer.

Candidates must have had at least one year's training, and will be required to take alternate day and night duty.

Applications, with not more than three recent testimonials, must be sent to me not later than Monday, 6th May.

Selected candidates will have notice when to attend. Travelling expenses will be allowed.

LOVEL SMEATHMAN, Clerk.

Hemel Hempstead, 20th April, 1901.

Labour Master and Drill Instructor.

WANTED for the TRUANT SCHOOL (200 boys), HIGHBURY GROVE, N., a Temporary Resident LABOUR MASTER and DRILL INSTRUCTOR (unmarried). Must be good disciplinarian, and able to teach physical and military drill, and willing to make himself generally useful. Salary £40 per annum, with board, lodging, washing, and medical attendance, together with an allowance of £3 0s. 10d. per annum in lieu of beer. Applications in candidate's own handwriting, and accompanied by copies of not more than three recent testimonials, must be marked outside "Highbury Labour Master and Drill Instructor," and be received by the Clerk of the Managers, School Board Offices, Victoria Embankment, London, W.C., not later than 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 1st. Third-class return fare will be allowed to candidates selected to be seen.

THE GUARDIANS of the HOLBORN UNION require the following Officers at their undermentioned Establishments, viz.:—

Workhouse, Shepherdess-walk, City-road, N.

STAFF NURSES. Salary £24, rising £1 yearly to £25 per annum.

CHARGE ATTENDANT on Children. Salary £20 per annum.

KITCHENMAID. Salary £18, rising £1 yearly to £20 per annum.

Schools, Mitcham, Surrey.

ASSISTANT YARDSMAN. Salary £20.

All the above Officers will have board, lodging, washing, and uniform, and beer money, if desired (£5 per annum for males and £4 per annum for females).—Applications to be made at once by male candidates to the Master, Steward, or Superintendent, and by female candidates to the Matrons of the respective Establishments.

24th April, 1901.

Ceylon Government Railways. EXTENSIONS.

TWO FOREMEN PLATELAYERS required to supervise the laying of Permanent Way during construction.

Candidates should not be over 35 years of age, and single men are preferred.

Salary 200 to 300 rupees per month, according to qualifications of selected candidates, with payment for overtime. The present exchange value of the rupee is 1s. 3 15-16d.

Free unfurnished quarters will be provided.

Free passage out and back on termination of engagement under terms of agreement.

The candidates selected will be required to pass a strict medical examination, and sign an agreement before appointment.

Applications by letter (no special form required), stating age, whether married or single, and giving full particulars of experience, accompanied by copies of testimonials (not originals), with names and addresses of references, of whom inquiry can be made as to capabilities and character, will be received by the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Downing-street, London, S.W., up to the 6th May, 1901. Any enquiries respecting the above appointment may be addressed to the Consulting Engineers to the Crown Agents, Messrs. Gregory, Eyles and Waring, of 2, Delahay-st., London, S.W.

OFFICIAL SITUATIONS—(Continued).

Somerset and Bath Lunatic Asylum, WELLS, SOMERSET.

WANTED a LAUNDRYMAID. Wages £21, rising to £25 per annum, with board (no beer), lodging, washing, and uniform. Applications, with testimonials, to be sent to Dr. Wade, the Superintendent.

St. Mary, Islington, Guardians' School. HORNSEY-ROAD, HOLLOWAY, N.

WANTED, a capable woman, about 25 years of age, as ASSISTANT INFANTS' ATTENDANT. One used to children and Institution experience preferred. Salary £16, rise to £18 after first year's service, with board, lodging, washing, uniform, and £3 in lieu of beer, subject to deductions under the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896.

Forms of application can be obtained of the Matron.

West African Government Railways.

THE FOLLOWING MEN ARE REQUIRED immediately for service on the above railways:—

THREE LOCOMOTIVE FITTERS. Salary £270 per annum.

FOUR FOREMEN PLATELAYERS. Salary £250 per annum.

The Fitters should have had experience in the shops of one of the main lines in Great Britain, or in the employ of a leading firm of locomotive engineers, and be competent to undertake both erection and repairs.

The Foremen Platelayers should have had experience as gangers or leading hands, and have a good knowledge of points and crossings work, bending and cutting rails, &c.

Candidates for the above appointments should be between the ages of 25 and 40. Free passage out and home, and free quarters are provided, with leave allowance of four months on full pay, after eight months' completed service in the Colony. Selected candidates will be required to pass a strict medical examination.—Apply by letter, with copies (not originals) of testimonials, with names and addresses of references, to Box No. 500, care of Watkins and Osmond, 2, [illegible], London, E.C.

Lagos.

SHIP'S CARPENTER and BOAT BUILDER required to build and repair boats and lighters in the Colony of Lagos.

Candidates should not be over 40 years of age.

The engagement will be for three years, subject to extension by mutual consent.

Salary £200 a year.

Free quarters will be provided, or an allowance will be given for rent in lieu of quarters.

Free second-class passage out and back on satisfactory termination of agreement.

The candidate selected will have to pass a strict medical examination and sign an agreement before being appointed. Applications by letter (no special form required), stating age, whether married or single, and giving full particulars of experience, accompanied by copies of testimonials (not originals), with names and addresses of references of whom inquiry can be made as to capabilities and character, will be received by the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Downing-street, London, S.W., up to the 6th May, 1901.

The Crown Agents possess no further information in respect of the above appointment, and they cannot undertake to answer inquiries.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

GENERAL, 21, cooking, 12 months' character, wages £18. Clara. General, 18, bright girl, fond of children, two years' character, wages £14. Lizzie.—Hetherington's, 366, Mile End-road.

REQUIRED, Situation as Working Housekeeper to Widower or Bachelor, thoroughly domesticated; good references.—E., College, Walham-grove, Fulham.

GIRL, 16, as General, nine months' character, 4s. weekly, Nora; also General, 18, 12 months' character, £11, Agnes.—Hetherington's, [illegible], Queen's-road, Peckham.

GENERAL SERVANT, age 18, very neat, strong, good personal character, wages £14.—Hetherington's, 210, Edgware-road, W. (over Singer's).

SITUATIONS VACANT.

GENERAL wanted, need not have been out before, no children, washing, or cooking, £12 commence.—17, [illegible].

GENTLEMAN, 54, requires Housekeeper, London, interview desired.—Full particulars to B., Box [illegible], "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

GENERAL SERVANT wanted for young married lady very easy place, good wages.—Mrs. May, 26, Tottenham Court-road.

GENERAL SERVANT wanted, two in family, comfortable place, good wages, no washing or children.—Mrs. J., 47, High-street, Putney.

COOK-GENERALS, Housemaids, and Nurses for private and business houses, wages £16 to £25.—Hetherington's, 366, Mile End-road.

GIRL wanted, 16 to 19, to help another servant, three in family, no children, nice place, good wages.—Mrs. Pipe, 50, Edgware-road, Hyde Park.

RESPECTABLE GIRL wanted as General Servant, small family.—Ashleigh, Queen Anne-avenue, Bromley, Kent.

GENERAL SERVANT wanted at good, comfortable house, wages £16 to £18.—Apply, 24, Tollington-place, Tollington Park, N.

GENERAL, plain cooking, abstainer, another kept, country preferred.—135, Clapham-road, S.W.

COOK (good plain) wanted immediately; personal references indispensable; another servant kept.—Apply, 1a, Somerset-st., Portman-sq., W.

GENERAL SERVANT wanted, age 25, for small flat, two in family, plain cooking, easy place, £16-£20.—Mrs. S., 105a, Strand.

HOUSEMAID wanted, age 25, where parlourmaid is kept, must be experienced, £18-£20.—Mrs. F., 105a, Strand.

RESPECTABLE PERSON for work of a small house, two in family.—22, [illegible]-road, [illegible], N.W.

WANTED a COOK-GENERAL, with good references, age from 25 to 35, wages £20, all found; nurse kept.—Apply, Black Dog, Glasshouse-street, Albert Embankment, S.E.

COOK-GENERAL and Housemaid wanted, two in family, on small flat, good place and good wages.—Mrs. Fry, 11a, Upper-street, Islington, London.

GENERAL wanted, £16 to £20, also one to help, £12 and £14, three in family, easy place, no washing.—Mrs. Pipe, 50, Edgware-road, Hyde Park.

COOK and Housemaid wanted for widow lady and son, small house, early dinners, no washing, very little company, good wages.—Mrs. Pipe, 50, Edgware-road, Hyde Park.

HOUSE-PARLOURMAID and Cook wanted, two in family, on small flat, good place, last stayed 24 years, good wages.—Mrs. May, 26, Tottenham Court-road.

WANTED Good HOUSEMAID, where two other servants kept, small family, must be abstainer and handy needlewoman.—Mrs. [illegible], 5, Hanover-square, Oxford-street.

PLAIN COOK, age 23 to 30, two in family, small house, housemaid kept, wages £20.—Mrs. M., Hetherington's, 271, Upper-street, Islington (first floor).

GENERAL SERVANT wanted in small private family, no cooking, a little washing.—Apply, by letter, stating wages, to Mrs. Harris, 114, The Grove, Hammersmith, W.

COOK required for May 13, age 24, wages £20, for business house, must have good character.—Apply at once, Housekeeper, 30, George-street, Portman-square, W.

HOUSEMAID required for May 13, age 20, wages £17, for business house, must have good character.—Apply at once, Housekeeper, 30, George-street, Portman-square, W.

WANTED, a respectable Young Man as Barman, wages 15s. week.—Apply, after 10 o'clock, at Britannia, 187, High-street, Camden Town, N.W.

TWO YOUNG GENERALS or Cook-General and Housemaid wanted to work together, no children, small family, comfortable home.—37, Shirland Gardens, Maida Vale, London.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION, WOOD GREEN.—Wanted, SECOND LAUNDRYMAID. Wages £13, rising to £14. All found, but beer. Also UNDER-HOUSEMAID. Wages £14, rising to £16.—Apply to the Matron.

GENERAL SERVANT wanted, age 18-30, four in family, mistress does cooking, no washing, wages £16-£18, good home. Call or write to Mrs. M., Hetherington's, 210, Edgware-road, W. (over Singer's).

COOK-GENERAL and House-Parlourmaid wanted for two in family, £22 and £18, three servants kept; also General for one lady, no washing.—Write or Call, Marie Christie, 40, [illegible]-street, Putney, S.W. No charge whatever.

A RESPECTABLE YOUNG WOMAN wanted to attend daily and assist in the cooking and housework in a professional man's small flat, housekeeper and housemaid kept.—Apply, Read, 1, Portland-place, W.

COOK-GENERAL (good), age 20 to 30, wanted for the country, near sea; private family; small cottage; wages according to ability and willingness, about £16.—Write or apply, Mrs. C., 15, Lavender Gardens, Clapham Common.

A RESPECTABLE PERSON wanted to act as General Servant to a lady and gentleman; abstainer, plain cooking, age under 40 years, a widow not objected to.—110, Fentiman-road, Clapham.

HOUSEKEEPER.—Private sitting-room and two bed-rooms unfurnished, with lights and firing free, offered in gentleman's private house in return for domestic duties, comfortable home for mother and daughter or sisters with small income. Replies treated confidentially, but must state income and source, or not entertained.—Commerce, c.o. Pottle and Son, Royal Exchange, E.C.

KITCHENMAIDS, Under-Housemaids, Scullery, and Betweenmaids, numbers wanted; generals may do, excellent situations, good wages.—Mrs. Pipe, 50, Edgware-road, Hyde Park. No charge.

SERVANTS. SERVANTS.—Cooks, Parlourmaids, Housemaids, Betweenmaids, Nurses, Generals, &c., hundreds wanted for private and hotel service.—Apply, Mrs. Olive Lucas, 248, King's-road, Chelsea, S.W.

SERVANTS! SERVANTS!! SERVANTS!!!—All classes, numbers wanted; excellent situations; good wages; largest, best offices and servants' homes.—Mrs. Pipe, 50, Edgware-road, Hyde Park; Mrs. May, 26, Tottenham Court-road; Mrs. Fry, 11a, Upper-street, Islington. No charge whatever.

HOTEL SERVANTS.—Wanted immediately, London and Seaside, Housekeepers, Bookkeepers, Barmaids, Chamber, House, Stillroom, Carriage Staff, Laundry, Waitresses, good Cooks, Kitchen, Vegetable, Scullery, Chefs, Waiters, Porters, Platemen, Billiardmarkers, Valets, Pages, [illegible].—Apply, Hetherington, 163a, Strand.

SITUATIONS VACANT—(Continued).

COOK and House-Parlourmaid wanted, very comfortable home, wages £18 to £20.—[illegible].—Apply, [illegible] Lodge, [illegible]-road.

SUPERIOR GENERAL, 18 to 25, for small family, two in family, no children, £16 to £18.—Mrs. E., 109, Queen's-road, Peckham.

USEFUL HELP, age about 30, for two in family, wages £12 to £14.—Mrs. F., Hetherington's, 271, Upper-street, Islington, N. (first floor).

SECOND LAUNDRYMAID for institution, wages £14, all found, good character.—Mrs. F., Hetherington's, 271, Upper-street, Islington, N. (first floor).

WANTED, a good GENERAL SERVANT, good references required, easy place, wages £18.—Cowell, 32, York-road, King's Cross.

GENERAL SERVANT wanted, small family, nice place, good home, wages £16-£18.—Mrs. M., 102, High-street, Putney.

APPRENTICE.—Girls leaving school, to learn Ostrich Feather trade; wages 3s. to commence.—[illegible].

APPRENTICE (indoor) wanted, youth about 15, good grocer, [illegible]; no premium.—Apply, 183, Chancery-lane.

SKIRTS.—Wanted Outdoor Makers for Muslin and Washing Skirts; show samples if possible.—14, Ludgate-square, E.C. (2nd floor).

CORSET MACHINIST wanted, regular work, good pay.—Apply, Thornton, [illegible]-road, Homerton.

DRESSMAKING.—Sharp Errand Girls and Apprentices wanted.—Apply, Workroom Manager, D. H. Evans and Co., Ltd., Oxford-street.

COACH TRIMMER wanted, used to cab work; constant employment.—E. Rowland, Gough-street, Gray's Inn-road.

PAGE BOY.—Wanted, a respectable Boy for door; clothes and tea found; sleep at home.—Apply, 11, Manchester-square, W.

MANTLES.—Alteration Hands for Jackets, &c., good wages.—Apply, Workroom Manager, D. H. Evans and Co., Ltd., Oxford-street.

DRESSMAKING.—Good Bodice and experienced Skirt Hands wanted; also Assistants and Apprentices.—Apply, Workroom Manager, D. H. Evans and Co., Ltd., Oxford-street.

DRESSMAKING.—Wanted, Apprentices for the workroom; also Skirt Hands and Assistants; close 2 Saturday.—Madame [illegible], 11, Hanover-square, W.

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THE ENGLISH CUP.

RE-PLAYED FINAL TIE.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR v. SHEFFIELD UNITED.

SPLENDID VICTORY FOR SPURS.

Having on Saturday last played a drawn game of two goals each at the Crystal Palace, these teams met again at Bolton, to decide who shall hold for the next year the Football Association Challenge Cup. During the week both elevens have been staying at seaside resorts on the Lancashire coast—Tottenham being at Southport, where they trained for their re-played match in the first round with Preston North End; while Sheffield were at Lytham, their old training quarters. Since the previous Saturday the Tottenham men had not played in a single match, their fixtures in the Southern and Western League being undertaken by the reserve team; but Sheffield on Monday were engaged in a League contest with Liverpool. From this, however, four men—Needham, Hedley, Field, and Bennett—had a rest. The teams, who did not arrive at Bolton until after noon, were precisely the same as took part in the Crystal Palace match, Needham and Lipsham, despite their injuries, being able to play. The officials, also, were the same.

A DISAPPOINTING ATTENDANCE.

Any doubts that may have been experienced as to the capability of Burnden Park to hold enough people for the match were soon dispelled, and it must be confessed that the crowd did not come up to expectations. The cheaper parts were packed, but behind each goal the seats were well nigh empty, and three-quarters of an hour from the start the attendance was well under 30,000. The ground itself is hardly an appropriate one for such an important encounter. Quite a ridge runs down the centre of the field of play, with a pronounced slope to both touch lines and goals. A side acquainted with its peculiarities could not fail to have an advantage; and, whereas

TOTTENHAM WERE NEW TO THE GROUND,

the Sheffield men have, of course, played there on several occasions. After a dull morning the sun shone out brightly, and there appeared every prospect that the match would be played under the same pleasant conditions as prevailed upon the occasion of the previous meeting. However, about 2.30 the sky became clouded, and rain fell smartly for a few minutes, and a strong wind which blew across the ground made the atmosphere quite cold. Ten minutes before the start there was no appreciable increase in the attendance. The teams took the field in good time, and punctually at 3.30 a start was made.

TOTTENHAM WON THE TOSS,

and played with the wind, which was rather in their favour. At the commencement Sheffield made a little headway, but almost directly Brown broke away, and the Hotspur forwards got well down, and, for the moment, looked dangerous. Johnson, however, cleared with a useful kick. Tottenham again rushed down, but Thickett robbed Brown of the ball while, at the other end, Erentz stopped Lipsham. Tottenham continued to have the best of the play, but their attack was not serious. Sheffield's defence was good, Johnson stopping a shot by Copeland. From a free kick, well taken by Erentz, Brown headed in, but Foulkes kicked out. The Hotspur continued to keep the game in their opponents' quarters, and from a long shot from the left Foulkes had to throw out. A little later the ball went behind the Sheffield goal, and then, thanks to some smart work by Needham and Thickett, the United cleared, and got the ball past the centre, only, however, to be beaten back by a free kick. Again Tottenham worked down, and the ball going across to Smith, that player centred, and

KIRWAN, DASHING ON THE BALL,

sent in a shot, which hit the side of the net. The attack was kept up, and Cameron a little later had a shot, but put the ball wide of the post. Just afterwards, however, Lipsham, getting possession, looked like going away, but he was beaten by Erentz, who with a fine kick enabled Tottenham to take up the attack again. This was soon repelled, and Sheffield got away, but lost a fine position through a foul. From this Brown looked to have a good chance, but lost control of the ball, and Foulkes, running out, got in his kick first. Then Bennett raced away on the right wing, and finished a splendid run with a kick which went wide. Up to this point the Tottenham men had been having decidedly the best of matters, their forwards being quick on the ball, while the backs defended sturdily; but at length Sheffield did better, and in saving from Bennett Tait had to

GIVE AWAY A CORNER.

From this Johnson shot wide, and from the goal kick the Tottenham forwards were away again. There was some pretty headwork, but eventually the ball went behind. Then Kirwan, after beating Thickett, sent in a shot, and Foulkes had to handle, and in quick succession Tottenham forced two corners. From the second of these Morris sent in a high, dropping shot, which Foulkes fisted away, and from this there came a strong attack by Sheffield. A free kick was given them, and they also gained a corner, but nothing came of it. Still they were doing much better than before, Needham, Priest, and Hedley, in particular, accomplishing excellent work. From a kick for hands, Needham sent right into Clawley's hands, who, however, cleared finely, and a minute later the ball went over the Tottenham bar. Again the Sheffield forwards came away in a body, but Hedley shot over. Then Thickett fouled Brown, and the kick being well taken by Tait a very hot attack ensued, and Sheffield had an anxious moment but

SMITH SENT IN A WILD SHOT.

Just afterwards Sheffield came away again, and Needham gave an opening to Lipsham, who centred, the last-named player concluding a very pretty and well-executed movement by scoring an admirable goal. This was after the game had been in progress 40 minutes, so that at half-time the score stood:—Sheffield United, 1 goal; Tottenham Hotspur, nil. Sheffield began

THE SECOND HALF

in vigorous fashion, but Jones pulled up the Sheffield right wing. Tottenham worked closer, Kirwan getting well down on the left. The ball was centred, but Thickett blundered, and let in Copeland, who raced away. Thickett, however, recovering quickly, got back and pulled up the Tottenham inside left, but only momentarily. Copeland soon had the ball again, and passed to Brown. The latter transferred it to Cameron who, with a splendid low shot

BEAT FOULKES AND EQUALISED

the scores some seven minutes after the resumption. A little later Sheffield were given a free kick for a foul, and Johnson dropped the ball in the goal mouth, but danger was averted through a foul against Sheffield just when they seemed likely to score. A minute later Sheffield were down again, and Bennett shot outside, but they soon resumed the attack, and Clawley had to save a straight shot. Directly afterwards, however, Foulkes was compelled to handle a slow shot by Brown. The play for a little while was in the Tottenham half, the passing of the Sheffield forwards being very clever, but the defence was excellent, Tait kicking well. The Hotspurs at length got away, but first

KIRWAN WAS OFF-SIDE,

and then Brown shot when too far away. In a scrimmage Needham was hurt, but did not leave the field. Then Smith, getting possession, raced away on the right wing and gave Foulkes a shot to clear. Just afterwards Smith and Cameron were again busy on the right, but Boyle played a fine defensive game, and stopped them in clever fashion. Tottenham were now doing much better, the half-backs, when occasion offered, feeding the forwards in skilful style. Once Jones sent in a long dropping shot, and the Sheffield goal was in some danger, but

THICKETT CAME TO THE RESCUE

of his side and cleared. Clawley later had to save a shot by Needham, and a minute afterwards Foulkes was compelled to punch out a shot from Copeland. The pace was very fast, each goal in turn being visited, and Smith and Cameron, on the Tottenham right wing, put in a lot of fine work. They were, however, often pulled up by Boyle and Needham. Notwithstanding this, Tottenham attacked time after time, and then, after Boyle and Thickett had cleared, there came a piece of play that led up to another goal. Cameron shot, and the ball, striking Boyle, glanced on one side. In a moment Smith dashed up and sent it past Foulkes, scoring

TOTTENHAM'S SECOND POINT

half an hour after the resumption. Stung by this disaster, Sheffield United were then dangerous, and at once pressed, but the ball went behind. Tottenham, however, did not relax their efforts in the slightest, and later, Smith, after a long run, hit the side of the net. Tottenham were now playing strongly indeed, and some exciting exchanges took place in front of the Sheffield goal, but Boyle was excellent in defence, and often averted danger. Thickett, however, gave away a corner, and from another directly afterwards Brown headed a

THIRD GOAL FOR TOTTENHAM

five minutes from the finish. Sheffield tried hard to the end, but could not get through, and Tottenham won in handsome style by three goals to one. Thus for the first time since 1883 the Cup has come south again.

TEAMS:—

Sheffield United.—Foulke (goal); Thickett and Boyle (backs); Johnson, Morren, and Needham (half-backs); Bennett, Field, Hedley, Priest, and Lipsham (forwards).

Tottenham Hotspur.—Clawley (goal); Erentz and Tait (backs); Morris, Hughes, and Jones (half-backs); Smith, Cameron, Brown, Copeland, and Kirwan (forwards).

Referee: Mr. A. Kingscott (Derby).

Linesmen: Messrs. C. Squires (London) and A. G. Hines (Nottingham).

LEAGUE MATCHES.—FIRST DIVISION

LIVERPOOL v. NOTTS FOREST.

Liverpool, 2; Notts Forest, 0.

On the Anfield Ground. This was the most interesting of the first division League matches on Saturday by reason of Liverpool's chances of gaining the League championship. Liverpool went to work in earnest from the start, and pressed continuously, forcing several corners. On one occasion the visitors retaliated smartly, and Perkins saved in splendid style from Capes. Still, Liverpool pressed, and from a grand centre by Robertson Cox scored, the home side leading at half-time by 1 goal to 0. The Forest resumed without McPherson, and at the start the play was tame. At the end of six minutes, however, Goldie scored for Liverpool from a free kick. From this point the home side did all the pressing, but the Forest defence was good, and nothing more being done, Liverpool won by 2 goals to 0.

MANCHESTER CITY v. ASTON VILLA.

Manchester, 4 goals; Villa, 0.

At Manchester. The City won the toss, and elected to play with the wind, but against the sun. At the start the Villa goal had a narrow escape, Gillespie sending in a low shot, which Whitehouse only just managed to save. The Villa then took up the attack, but shots by Garratty and Wilson failed. Manchester soon again got down to the other end, and at the end of 25 minutes Ross scored, the City leading at half-time by 1 goal to 0. At the commencement of the second half Gillespie made his way through the Villa halves, but Crabtree saved. The Villa then began to show something like their proper form, but they failed to make any impression on the defence of the home side. Subsequently the City team played up in fine style, and quite obtained the mastery. Scotson put on Manchester's second goal, Threlfall added a third, and Scotson then scored again, the Villa being beaten by 4 goals to 0.

NEWCASTLE UNITED v. BURY.

A Draw—No Score.

On the Newcastle ground. The United had a weak team in the field, and the opening play was extremely tame, neither side playing up to their reputation. The home eleven had the better of the exchanges, but they threw away their chances of scoring by reckless shooting and weakness in front of goal. Bury were lucky to save on several occasions, and when the interval arrived neither side had scored. In the second half of the game the United were, generally speaking the better team, but near goal they were defective. They gave Thompson more work to do than their own custodian had, but they could not manage to break through the defence of the visitors, though it should be mentioned that Peddie and Gardner had hard luck with some of their shots. In the end the game was left drawn, without any goals being scored.

DERBY COUNTY v. SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY.

Derby County, 3; Wednesday, 1.

On the Derby ground. The game was very tame at the start, but half-way through the first half Davis centred, enabling Bloomer to head the ball into the net. A few minutes later Crawford sent in a shot, and before Stubbs could clear Davis scored a second goal for Derby. The home side pressed after this, but did not score again before the interval, when they led by 2 to 0. Sheffield Wednesday had much the better of the play at the opening of the second half, but the Derby defence was splendid, and Fryer had very few shots to stop. After half an hour had gone by Wilson scored for Sheffield, but Wombwell responded with another goal for Derby after Stubbs had partially cleared from Davis. The game continued to be keenly contested, but no more points were obtained, the final score thus being:—Derby County, 3 goals; Sheffield Wednesday, 1 goal.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost	Drn.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Liverpool	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sunderland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Notts County	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Notts Forest	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bury	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Newcastle U.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Everton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sheffield Wed.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Blackburn R.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Manchester City	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stoke	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bolton Wanders.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Derby County	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aston Villa	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sheffield United	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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SECOND DIVISION.

New Brighton Tower v. Woolwich Arsenal.—After 20 minutes' play in the match at New Brighton, McNichol, of the Arsenal team, [illegible] and retirement the visitors had a [illegible] of bad luck, [illegible] from a free kick. At the interval New Brighton led by 1 goal to 0, and on crossing over, the Woolwich goalkeeper was severely tested by Hill and Cassidy. No more goals were put on, however, New Brighton winning by 1 goal to 0.

Stockport, 3; Burton Swifts, 0.
Burnley, 1; Small Heath, 0.
Middlesbrough, 0; Grimsby Town, 0.
Newton Heath, 1; Chesterfield, 0.
Glossop, 3; Lincoln City, 0.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost	Drn.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Grimsby Town	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Small Heath	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burnley	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New Brighton Twr.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Glossop	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Middlesbrough	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Woolwich Arsenal	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lincoln City	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burslem Port Vale	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Newton Heath	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Leicester Fosse	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Blackpool	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gainsborough	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chesterfield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barnsley	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Walsall	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockport County	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burton Swifts	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

MIDLAND LEAGUE.

Ilkeston, 0; Rushden, 0.
Worksop, 3; Wellingborough, 1.
Newark, 2; Burton Wanderers, 1.
Coalville Town, 3; Leicester Fosse Reserves, 0.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost	Drn.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Sheffield U. Res.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Doncaster Rovs.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Northampton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Derby Cnty Res.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hinckley	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wellingborough	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Newark	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ilkeston	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Leic. Fosse Res.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lincoln City Res.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rushden	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Worksop	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coalville	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burton Wandrs.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Division I.

PORTSMOUTH v. QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS.

At Portsmouth. At starting the Rangers attacked strongly, and 10 minutes from the start they scored through Ronaldson. The Portsmouth forwards were playing much below their usual form, but nearing the interval they made a determined effort, and Lewis equalised. Afterwards the football was not of a very high order, and nothing further being done the match ended in a draw of 1 goal each.

LUTON v. READING.

A victory for Luton by 3 goals to 0 was the result of this game at Luton. Luton won the toss, but Reading immediately pressed and gained a corner, from which nothing resulted. Luton then gained the upper hand, and after 20 minutes Blessington kicked a goal, this being quickly followed by Barker. The latter player put the ball through again, but the point was disallowed, and at the interval Luton were still leading by 2 goals to 0. Nothing was scored in the second half.

WATFORD v. KETTERING.

The home team were poorly represented in this match at Watford, while Kettering could only muster 10 men. Beaton got through for Kettering in the first half, but the point was disallowed for off-side, and there was no score at the interval. Play was very poor after change of ends, both sides missing easy chances. Neither side could score, the game ending in a goalless draw.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR v. GRAVESEND.

At Tottenham. In the first half Tottenham had much the best of the exchanges, Woodward opened the scoring, and before half-time Hyde and Woodward had increased their lead. After the interval Woodward and Burton put on further points for Tottenham, who won easily by 5 to 0. The scene on the ground when the result of the Bolton match came through was extraordinary. For fully half an hour the cheering was maintained in deafening style. People were too excited to look at the game in progress, and many of the spectators left the ground without knowing how many goals the Southern League match had been won by.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost	Drn.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Southampton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol City	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Portsmouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Millwall	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tottenham H.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
West Ham	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Rovers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Queen's Park R.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Luton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reading	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kettering	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New Brompton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gravesend	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Watford	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swindon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

WESTERN LEAGUE.

BRISTOL ROVERS v. SWINDON.

The Rovers had all the best of this match at Bristol, and won easily by 4 goals to 1. In the first half Boucher got through for Bristol, and Oakley for Swindon. After change of ends Jones, Clark, and Boucher added further points for the Rovers.

MILLWALL v. BRISTOL CITY.

At Millwall, the visitors being defeated by 4 goals to 0. Three of the points scored were gained in the first half of the game, but throughout Millwall had a good deal more of the play than their rivals, and might easily have added to their score, had they been pressed. The ground was very hard, rendering accurate play somewhat difficult. Bristol won the toss, and played with a strong wind behind them in the first half. With the game only seven minutes old, Jones got past the visitors' defence, and scored the first goal, while five minutes later Gettins obtained a second point. Jones added another goal before the interval, Millwall then leading by 3 goals to 0. On crossing over the play still ruled in favour of Millwall, but it was not until the game was nearly over that Bevan added a fourth point, leaving Millwall the winners by the score given above.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost	Drn.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Portsmouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Millwall	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tottenham Hspr.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Queen's Park R.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol City	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reading	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southampton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Rovers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swindon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Queen's Park v. Hibernians.—At Hampden Park, Glasgow, and after a well-contested game the result was a draw—one each. During the first half Queen's Park had the advantage of the breeze, but nothing was scored, the defence of Hibernians being excellent. Afterwards McColl scored from a penalty kick, but Hibernians soon drew level, and subsequently neither side could get through again.

KING'S LYNN CUP.—FINAL.

Boston, 4; Finedon, 3.

EAST SUSSEX SENIOR LEAGUE.

At Newhaven, Newhaven Cement Works, 3; Brighton Hornets, 0.

LONDON LEAGUE.

Division I.

Deptford Town, 1; Brentford, 0.
West Ham United, 1; Fulham, 0.

Division II.

Excelsior (G.P.O.), 6; Bromley, 0.

ROYAL IRISH CUP.

Hastings v. Horsham.—At Eastbourne. Hastings always held the upper hand. S. Hadden and Webb both scored for them. From a foul Colshing notched one for Horsham, but almost immediately S. Hadden added a third for Hastings with a fast and high shot. Play slackened in the second half, but Hastings obtained a fourth through Boxey, and thus the winners of the West Sussex League secured the cup by 4 goals to 1.

BANBURY CHARITY CUP.—FINAL.

Banbury Britannia v. Heyford.—At Banbury, Britannia were leading by 2 to 0 at the interval, but Heyford drew level in the second half. Extra time was played, but the scoring remained stationary.

MIDDLESEX LEAGUE.

West Hampstead v. Richmond Association.—On the Paddington Recreation Ground, before a large attendance, West Hampstead had all the better of the game, and won easily by 3 goals to 0. They thus add to their triumph in the Middlesex Cup, the championship of the League.

Clapton A., 3; Norwich C.E.Y.M.S., 1.
West-end, 1; Rosslyn Reserves, 1.

CHATHAM CHARITY CUP.—FINAL TIE.

New Brompton v. Gravesend.—Gravesend had the satisfaction of winning this match at Chatham by 1 goal to 0. The goal for Gravesend was scored by Pugh shortly after the change of ends. The Cup was presented by the Mayor of Chatham, Ald. G. Skinner.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY CUP.—FINAL TIE.

At W. Ealing, on the recently opened ground. The cup given by the general manager (Mr. J. L. Wilkinson) was finally won by the Goods Dept., who defeated the Passenger Dept. by 3 goals to 2. Mr. A. E. Bolter, the assistant secretary, presented the cup to the winners, and Mr. J. Price, Goods Manager, responded on behalf of his department.

BRIGHTON AND DISTRICT MATCHES.

West Ham United v. Brighton and Hove Rangers.—At Brighton. Brighton started well and scored, Monteith letting a shot by Burge pass over the line. Baker had his knee damaged badly. West Ham, with this advantage, pressed considerably, but Whitehurst kept everything out till close on time, when Corbett equalised, and a fast game resulted in a draw of 1 each.

SCOTTISH MATCHES.

Hearts, 1; Rangers, 1. Port Glasgow, 2; Clyde, 0. Raith Rovers, 2; Dundee, 1. Renton, 0; Vale Leven, 0. Albion Rovers, 2; Motherwell, 0. Airdrieonians, 4; Hamilton Academy, 1. Royal Albert, 0; St. Mirren Athletic, 1. Arthurlie, 3; Wishaw, 1. Johnstone, 3; Kilbarchan, 2. Thornliebank, 0; Q. P. Strollers, 0. Galston, 0; Stevenston Thistle, 1. Kilwinning Eglington, 1; Maybole, 0. Stenhousemuir, 1; Falkirk, 0. Morton, 3; St. Mirren, 2.

SOUTHAMPTON AND DISTRICT MATCHES.

Romsey, 3; H.M.S. Excellent, 0 (Hants Junior Cup, replayed final). Southampton Reserves, 3; Salisbury, 1. Eastleigh, 1; Portsmouth Reserves, 0. Boscombe, 2; Longfleet St. Mary's, 1. Richmond Park Harriers, 2; Winton Schoo., 1.

PORTSMOUTH MATCHES.

Gosport Albions, 3; Emsworth Rovers, 2. Romsey, 3; H.M.S. Excellent, 0. Eastleigh, 1; Portsmouth Reserves, 0. Spencer Rovers, 6; Nancy Rovers, 0. Landport Albions, 0; Cumberland Swifts, 0. Spencer Rovers Reserves, 2; Blue Star, 0. Florence Crescents, 4; Duncan Eclipse, 0.

HASTINGS MATCHES.

St. Leonard's, 0; Hailsham, 0. Hornsbye Swifts, 4; Homers, 1. St. Leonard's Swifts, 2; Hastings Rovers, 0. Tenterden, 1; Rye Reserves, 0. Eastbourne Old Town, 1; Rye, 1. Hastings, 4; Horsham, 1.

READING AND DISTRICT MATCHES.

Reading Garfield, 4; Reading Defiance, 1. Reading Wesley, 3; Castle Institute, 0. East Reading, 3; Britannia Reserves, Reading, 0. Messrs. Huntley and Palmer's Packers, 4; Mr. James's Team, 3. Reading East End, St. Bennet Swifts, Reading, 1. Eldon-road Rovers, 1; Queen's-road, Reading, 1. Amity-road, Reading, 1; Cumberland-road Star, Reading, 1. Radstock Star, 3; Wokingham-road Star, Reading, 2. West-end Juniors, Reading, 0; Battle Old Boys, 0. Garfield Reserves, Reading, 5; Wesleyan Juniors, 2. Battle Old Boys, 0; West End Juniors, 0.

Walsall v. Preston North End.—The North End took a representative team to Walsall, but the home side tried five juniors. Martin opened the scoring for Walsall, but Rogers equalised, and added a second goal for Preston before half-time. Resuming, Henderson added a third point for the visitors, and towards the close Moran got through for Walsall from a scrimmage. Preston thus won by 3 goals to 2.

Celtic v. Notts County.—At Celtic Park, Glasgow, and ended in a victory for Notts County by 2 goals to 1. The Celtic played up strongly against the wind at the outset, and Moir scored the opening goal for them. Farns equalised with a fine shot, and the scores were still even at the interval. Ross gave Notts the lead on resuming, and the English club held the upper hand for the rest of the game, winning as stated.

Third Lanark v. Everton.—At Cathkin Park, Glasgow. Both teams were fully represented. In the first half Everton gave their opponents a lot of trouble, but only scored once through Turner. The Third, favoured by a strong wind, pressed strongly after the interval, but failed in front of goal, and the only point scored was an easy goal for Everton, gained by Abbott. Everton thus won by 2 goals to 0.

At Bognor, Shoreham, 3; Bognor, 2.

At Brighton, Lewes-road (winners of Junior League), 3; Rest of League, 2.

At Brighton, Rest of Senior League, 2; Connaught-road (winners of Senior League), 1.

RUGBY.

THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

NORTHUMBERLAND v. DURHAM.

At Newcastle. The ground was in excellent condition, and at the outset the sides appeared evenly matched. Northumberland then asserted themselves, and Simpson scored for them, the place-kick failing. Hedock and Cox then scored for Durham, Poole improving the former's try, and Elliott afterwards ran over again, the place-kick this time being unsuccessful. Northumberland pressed afterwards, but were unlucky, and when half-time arrived Durham were leading by 11 points to 3. Crossing over, Northumberland pressed rather severely, and though once or twice they met with hard lines, they at length gained a try through Pickering, which Jones improved. They showed good passing, but the Durham defence was very close. However, Simpson got through again, and Anderson kicked a goal, giving them a lead of two points. They did not retain the supremacy long, Nichol gaining a try for Durham, which was converted, and Gowan adding another. Northumberland failed to score again, and Durham won by 2 goals and 3 tries (19 points) to 2 goals and 1 try (13 points).

WELSH MATCHES.

Neath, 4 goals 2 tries; Llanelly, 2 tries. Barbarians, 2 goals; Cardiff St. Agnes, 1 goal 1 try. Splott, 2 goals 3 tries; Adamsdown, 1 goal 1 try. Richardstown, 1 goal; Whitchurch, 1 try. Pencoed, 3 tries; Clanharron, 1 penalty goal. Cardiff Marlborough; Williams's XV., 2 tries; Evans's XV., 1 goal. Roath, 3 tries; Penygraig Crescents, 0. Swansea Albion, 2 tries; Penywain, 0.

NORTHERN UNION CUP.—FINAL TIE.

WARRINGTON v. BATLEY.

On the Headingley ground. Early in the game Goodall made a capital run, which ended in Davis scoring for Batley, the try not being improved. This was followed by a try from Auty, Davis, as before, failing at the place kick. Warrington could not score, and half-time arrived with Batley leading by a couple of tries. Isherwood resumed after the interval, and Warrington quickly took the play to the Batley quarter. Davis relieved, and Maine, one of the Batley forwards, was ordered off the field. Batley, however, continued to have rather the better of the play, though they did not add to their score, winning a somewhat disappointing game by 2 tries to 0.

CRICKET.

PORTSMOUTH MATCHES.

Comets, 113; Royal Clarence Yard, 70. 31st Co. R.A., 181; 30th Co. 66. Subalterns, R.M., 299; Remainder, Officers, 45 (for two). Rifle Depot Bank, 79; Portsmouth Wanderers, 63. Buckland Wesleyans, 131; St. Stephen's 33. Reliance, 43; Red Co., 29. Dockyard Police, 60; Blue Co., 50.

Barnes, 66; Kent House Park 68.
Old Charlton, 210 (for three); Goldsmiths' Institute, 179 (for nine).
Private Banks (City), 180 (for five, declared); West End, 46 (for six).
Wandsworth, 66; West Sheen, 68.
London County Council, 155; Streatham, 74 and 64 (for five).
Shepherd's Bush, 109 (for six); Kew, 77 (for four).
Hammersmith, 127 (for seven); Clapham United, 60.
Ilford, 175 (for seven); Clinton, 115.
Hampton Wick, 164 (for eight, declared); L.C.C., 66 (for one).

ATHLETICS.

A.A.A. SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING.

THE TEN MILES RUNNING AND SEVEN MILES WALKING RACES.

At the Alexandra Grounds, Crewe, the first of the two championship meetings annually held by the Amateur Athletic Association took place. The summer championship meeting will be held at Huddersfield on the first Saturday in July. Ordinarily, only the 10 miles running championship is decided at the spring meeting, but a new cup having been presented to the A.A.A. for a [illegible] miles walking championship at the July sports, it was decided to abandon the four miles walking championship, and to revive the old seven miles walking championship, which had given way to the four miles event in 1893, and to decide it on the conclusion of the running race. The last amateur champion at seven miles was H. Curtis, of the Highgate H., who won from the year 1889 to 1893 inclusive, and, also, in 1894, succeeded to four miles championship honours. From 1895 to 1900, inclusive, W. J. Sturgess, of the Polytechnic H., was four miles champion. Another noteworthy absentee was C. Bennett from the ten miles running championship, which he had won in 1899, but the entries were of splendid class, and included S. J. Robinson, who last year won in 53min 14 2-5sec, after a grand race with J. T. Rimmer (subsequently the winner of the four miles running championship), who finished only 2 3-5sec behind the winner. A noteworthy entrant, and one quite new to the competition, was the National and Southern Counties Cross-Country champion, A. Shrubb, of the South London H. Results:—

TEN MILES RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Gold medal for the winner, silver medal for second, large bronze medal for beating 55min. 30sec., and small bronze for beating 58min.).

The entries for this event were as follow:—S. J. Robinson (holder), Northampton and County A.C.; J. T. Rimmer, Liverpool Pellice A.S.; A. Shrubb, South London Harriers; T. Dove, Gateshead Congregational Harriers; E. Waterson, Salford Harriers; W. Ashton, Salford Harriers; J. A. McLoughlin, Salford Harriers; E. Sewell, Eastbourne Rovers; A. E. Barker, Leeds A.C.; H. H. Cooke, Polytechnic H., London; G. Large, Salford H.; R. H. Morris, Salford H.; J. Brady, Salford H.; W. H. Day, Derby and County; E. Bennison, Manchester H.; T. F. Peach, Crewe H.; T. Hercock, Crewe H.; J. Morris, Crewe H.; G. Still, Unity A.C., London; F. S. Clewley, Unity A.C., London; G. Coles, Rotherham H.; B. Round, Birchfield H.; and F. Appleby, Herne Hill H.

VICTORY OF THE SOUTHERNER, A. SHRUBB.

A capital field was obtained, the only absentee being Round, of the Birchfield H. The attendance was not so satisfactory, the crowd being estimated to number about 1,000. Little time was cut to waste, and the 22 runners were soon on their way. At the end of the first mile (5min. 25sec.), Robinson, Shrubb, Waterson, Rimmer, Morris, and Barker were together in the van. Before another mile had been covered, Shrubb took the lead, followed closely by Barker, Robinson, and Rimmer. At 4½ miles, Shrubb and Rimmer were abreast, Barker third, and Robinson fourth, 20 yards behind the leaders. Robinson, who had looked none too comfortable up to this point, then retired, and spurting slightly, Shrubb led Rimmer by 15 yards at the half-distance in 27min. 25sec. In the latter half of the race, Shrubb got clear away from Rimmer, leading him by 80 yards at seven miles, and eventually winning by 150 yards. Result:—A. Shrubb, South London H., 55min 29sec, 1; J. T. Rimmer, Liverpool, 55min [illegible], 2; A. E. Barker, Leeds, 55min 55sec, 3; F. Appleby, Herne Hill H., 56min. 33sec, 4; W. H. Day, Derby and County A.C., 56min 49sec, 5; Sewell, Eastbourne Rovers, 56min 58sec, 6. Bennison, Cooke, and Still won large standard medals, Clewley and McLoughlin small standard medals.

THE SEVEN MILES WALKING CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Gold medal for winner, silver medal for second, and bronze medal for beating 57min.)

BUTLER SUCCESSFUL.

Singularly enough there were exactly as many entrants as there were miles to be walked for the seven miles' walking championship, the entries being as follow:—J. Butler, Polytechnic H., London; W. Hudson, Polytechnic H., London; T. M. Hill, Polytechnic H., London; M. K. Forrester, Polytechnic H., London; W. Martindale, Polytechnic H., London; H. Simpson, Borough Polytechnic H., London; and E. W. Dover, Essex Beagles. There were two absentees, viz., Hudson and Dover. The result was:—Butler (time, 53min 27sec), 1; Simpson (53min 46sec), 2; Martindale (55min 30sec), 3; Hill (57min 1sec), 4; Forrester, 0. The last-named was disqualified in the first mile. Butler drew away from Simpson after three miles had been covered, Martindale being 200 yards and Hill nearly a lap behind the leader. Butler walked splendidly, and eventually won by about 200 yards.

Islston H.—This club's five miles steeplechase was well patronised at Highgate. A good trail was laid by Messrs. C. H. Butcher (hon. sec.) and T. Joyce (Finchley H.). R. M. Froome, the scratch man, finished second in the good time of 28min. 46sec. Result: H. H. Butcher, 6min. start, 1; R. M. Froome, scratch, 2; F. J. Williams, 3min. 30sec., 3. Won by about 60yds. Winner's net time, 37min. 10sec.

The "Illustrated London News" Athletic Club held its spring handicaps at Star Grounds, Battersea. Results:—

150 Yards Handicap.—Wheatly, 9 yards start, 1; Stewart, 15, 2; Goodman, 6, 3. Won by 1½ yards.

440 Yards Handicap.—Murphy, 30 yards start, 1; Tidy, 40, 2; Benjamin, 20, 3. Won by 1½ yards.

CHESS.

UNIVERSITY CHESS.

(By cable.)

The Universities of Oxford and Cambridge played their annual match against the American Universities, the locale for the Englishmen being the British Chess Club's premises, in Whitehall-court, under whose auspices the match is played. To lend an added zest to the affair, Professor Rice, of Harvard, gave a handsome silver challenge shield, which has been won twice running by the British team. The teams were as under, England having the move on the odd boards:—1, Mr. Coleman, Cambridge, v. Mr. Perry, Columbia; 2, Mr. Wiles, Cambridge, v. Mr. Falk, Columbia; 3, Mr. Lane, Oxford, v. Mr. Sewall, Yale; 4, Mr. Grundy, Oxford, v. Mr. Rice, Harvard; 5, Mr. Davidson, Oxford, v. Mr Hunt, Princeton; 6, Mr. Wright, Cambridge, v. Mr. Keeler, Columbia. A Ruy Lopez was played on boards 12 and 5, a Vienna on 6, and in both the other cases the Petroff defence was adopted. Mr. Coleman played a very steady game at the top board, gradually worrying his antagonist into the loss of a pawn. Wiles, who had been promoted from last board to No. 2, played very carefully, and forcing an exchange of rooks, as Falk had doubled his, freed his position considerably, but level exchanges left the two men with a bishop and six pawns each. Lane, who is blind, gradually was outplayed by the Yale man, and retired early, and Grundy was beaten by the time limit, being a rook down at the time, making the score two to love in favour of the other side on Friday.

The principal interest on the second day centred round board 5, where matters were very lively, the moves several times going simultaneously. The Oxford man early began to show an advantage, and pressing it home by the judicious sacrifice of a knight, got a past pawn on his queen's side. Six was another steady game, which was gradually working into a drawn position, although the American had his pieces more free. No. 5 played the end game capitally, and, giving up his remaining bishop, queened his pawn just before the adjournment, and won.

Coleman having won, the last two games were drawn by arrangement.

NORTH LONDON v. HASTINGS.

The North London Chess Club paid their annual visit to Hastings to play a match with that club. North London was led by Trenchard and Both, and Hastings by Friedberger and Cheshire. There were 11 players on each side, Hastings winning a good match by 8 games to 3 games.

PEDESTRIANISM.

OLD BOW GROUNDS.

A £3 10s. 120 yards handicap was decided at these grounds. Result (final heat):—Cooper, 1; Carver, 2; Bird, 3. Won by inches.

CYCLING.

SOUTHERN CYCLING CLUB'S OPEN SIX HOURS' RACE.

TRIPLET RECORDS BEATEN.

For this contest at Herne Hill the following started:—

Singles: B. Bridgewater, Polytechnic C.C.; C. W. E. Palmer, Southern C.C.; G. C. Griffin, Wolverton C.C.; C. E. Humphreys, Paddington C.C.; J. E. Putnam, Hatpinch C.C.; C. H. Schmidt, unattached; F. E. Morris, unattached.

Tandems: J. W. Stocks and E. Hulbert, Raleigh C.C.; W. R. Duddon, Polytechnic C.C., and G. A. Olley, Anerley B.C.; F. Lockyear, Southern C.C., and A. Tate, Southern C.C. and Redbury C.C.

Triplet: E. Poyner, F. E. Monkhouse, and H. C. Lee, Abingdon C.C.

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From 37 to 60 miles the triplet was with the leaders, and the times, consequently, were as given above. The previous best for 60 miles was 2hr 4min 13 3-5sec by Clarke, Litchfield, and Little six years ago; Poyner, Monkhouse, and Lee accomplished 2hr 57min 2 1-5sec. They were left in the ring at 68 miles, and their times were not taken, although there is no doubt that, from that point to the end of the race, they beat all previous records.

ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX CYCLING UNION.

TEN MILES INVITATION RACE.

On the High Beech track (Epping Forest). Result:—Heat I.: A. Gregory, Epping C.C., 1; C. B. Hayes, Polytechnic C.C., 2; H. Carpenter, Excelsior C.C., 3. Won by a yard; half a yard between second and third. Time, 29min. 5 3-5sec. Heat II.: G. W. Bishop, Thames Ironworks, 1; E. Bennett, Shaftesbury C.C., 2; A. Podell (holder), Walthamstow Town C.C., 3. Won by a length; half a wheel between second and third. Time, 27min. 31sec. F. C. Castle was the fastest loser.

RACQUETS.

OPEN PROFESSIONAL HANDICAP.

The final of the professional racquet handicap, which has been in progress at Prince's Club, Knightsbridge, during the week, was decided. Gilbert Browne, the chief racquet player of the promoting club, and Frank Fairs, the coach at Tonbridge School, were the contestants left in, and an interesting, though somewhat one-sided match, resulted in the home player gaining the first prize of £20. Browne, although at times erratic in his service, played grandly in the court, his smashing back hand stroke securing him the upper hand time after time. Details:—

G. Browne, Prince's Club (scratch) beat Frank Fairs, Tonbridge School (receives 6), by 4 games to love. Scores: 15—3, 15—10, 15—14, 15—6. Small hands opened the first game until Browne, with a run of 7, took the score to 6—4. Fairs contributed an ace, but Browne, getting in after a good rally, went out. Continuing his hand, the scratch man only added a single, and then a dozen essays were necessary before Browne got in, and caused the score to be called "six all." Subsequent runs of 3 and 6 took him to "game ball," and after the addition of a couple by Fairs, the home player obtained the winning ace. After small and unproductive hands, a capital sequence of seven, five of which were by service, took Browne well in front in the third game, and a capitally contested game was ultimately called "thirteen all." The players ignored the "set," and after Fairs had added an ace, losing service through a double fault, Browne went out. In the fourth and last game, after both had failed, Browne made a sequence of 7, 5 by service, and subsequently another of 5, the game being called 12—3 in his favour, and after a number of hands secured the rubber.

PRINCE'S CLUB HANDICAP.

The remaining tie in the semi-final round of the Singles Handicap, at Prince's Club, was decided, C. V. Fisher-Rowe (3) beating H. C. Biron (6) by 3 games to 1. Score:—15—14, 15—7, 12—15, 15—8. In the final round, Fisher-Rowe plays H. C. B. Underdown (3).

LAWN TENNIS.

COVERED COURT CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The annual competitions for the lawn tennis championships of the covered courts were brought to a close at Queen's Club, West Kensington. The ladies' and gentlemen's doubles and ladies' championships having been decided on Friday—Hillyard and Mrs. Hillyard winning the one and Mrs. Hillyard the other—the programme on the final day consisted of two matches, these being the challenge rounds of the singles and doubles championships. Details:—

Singles Championship.—Challenge round: H. L. Doherty (challenger) beat A. W. Gore (holder) by 3 sets to 0 (6—3, 6—1, 6—1).

Doubles Championship.—Challenge round: R. F. and H. L. Doherty (holders) beat W. V. Eaves and G. W. Hillyard (challengers) by 3 sets to 2 (6—4, 5—7, 6—3, 3—6, 6—3).

TENNIS.

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The first tie in the second round of the open competition in connection with the amateur tennis championship was played at Queen's Club, West Kensington. The contestants were J. F. Marshall and Maj. Cooper Key, the first-named, with scores of 6—3, 3—6, 1—6, 6—3, 6—4, winning a good match by three sets to two. The winner of the competition plays J. B. Gribble (holder of the second prize) for the right of playing E. H. Miles for the championship.

ROWING.

Oxford, Saturday.—Practice for the May races was carried on to-day, under very favourable conditions, a slight easterly wind causing but little inconvenience. Magdalen, the head crew, were out, with Rogers rowing No. 2, being coached by Rev. C. E. Carter. At times they show distinct pace, but seem unable to stay. New College are at present going far from satisfactorily, considering the material in the boat. Leg work is conspicuous by its absence. They went the long journey coached by Mr. G. C. Bourne. University also went the long course, coached by Mr. H. G. Hemmerde. Christ Church, likewise, went a long journey, coached by Mr. H. R. Kittermaster, with Lord [illegible]. [illegible] kept to the home waters, as did Brasenose, W. Burton Stewart, coaching. Balliol were also on the home course, Mr. R. L. Warre coaching. Their four, which won the 'Varsity fours, also went out late with a view to the "Stewards" at Henley. Trinity, Keble, Exeter, and Worcester were amongst those who went below locks. The crews promise to be above the average by the time the races commence on May 1.

Cambridge, Saturday.—Several important changes have recently been made in the order of the leading boats which are preparing for the June bumping races. In the head of the river crew, First Trinity, who were advised by the Old Blue, Mr. J. E. Payne, H. B. Grylls and G. Parker, both of whom rowed against Oxford this year, supersede L. F. Crane and F. S. Harvey. They were showing excellent form, and should easily retain the premiership. Third Trinity were stroked by H. A. Watson, Mr. C. W. Taylor directing the work. R. H. Nelson will not be able to row for several days. Trinity Hall were in charge of Mr. J. E. Payne and showed considerable improvement, B. C. Cox, the Blue being at No. 6, and F. J. Escombe at No. 5. The remaining boats at work comprised Peterhouse, coached by Mr. J. E. Payne; Pembroke, by Mr. C. W. H. Taylor; Jesus by Mr. Anthony; Emmanuel by Mr. E. Duncan; Clare, King's by Mr. R. H. Nelson, Lady Margaret by Mr. Banks Fox, Christ's by Mr. G. Parker, and First Trinity 2nd by Mr. H. B. Grylls. Four crews were practising in the morning for the University light pairs, namely, H. B. Grylls and G. Parker, First Trinity; E. E. Dawson, Emmanuel, and C. W. H. Taylor, Third Trinity; W. H. Watney and H. A. Watson, Third Trinity; B. C. Cox and F. J. Escombe, Trinity Hall. Grylls and Parker are exhibiting the best form at present, and they should take a lot of beating. Mr. C. W. H. Taylor has been elected president of the C.U.B.C. in place of Mr. Brooke, whilst Mr. H. B. Grylls has been appointed honorary secretary in succession to Mr. Maitland.

Oxford House R. and A.C.—This Lea club rowed a dinghey handicap from the Willows to Robin Hood. Second round: A. Brye, 10, beat J. Pratt, 10; G. Carr, 7, beat T. Parry, 12; A. Lovell, 6, beat J. Powell, 4; J. Hutchings, 8, beat G. Ayling, 8. Third round: Brye beat Carr, Hutchings beat Lovell. Final heat: A. Brye beat J. Hutchings after a fine race.

YACHTING.

MINIMA YACHT CLUB.

An all-in handicap was sailed at Southend. Cobb's Nell and Garon's Spot gave up, and Nawrocki's Lotus finished first, but Morgan's Gazelle took the chief award, having an allowance of 15 minutes, and being only five minutes behind Lotus.

Erith Y.C.—The old Erith Sailing Club had a very pleasant and well-attended opening cruise, the meet being in Erie Reach. Besides the Lady Georgina, on board which Mr. A. T. Gage, the commodore, was in charge, while the vice, Mr. F. Stone, was on board the Rosalind, and the other vessels in company were Winnie, Sybille, Fairy, and Sprite.

London S.C.—This club sailed two races at Burnham in a light north-east wind. The Y.R.A. class consisted of Opal, My Lady Dainty, and Manikins, and the latter won a close race by 15sec. from My Lady Dainty. In the 22-footers, seven started, and the finish was the closest in the history of the club, Kalinda and Coquette finishing dead level, and Odyssea 8sec. later.

SAILING.

UPPER THAMES SAILING CLUB.

Over the long course at Bourne End, a match was sailed by first-class boats for a prize offered by the Commodore, Col. Fitzroy-Clayton. Four boats started: Messrs. Marsden and Jackson's Bora; Mr. A. S. Cope's Fleur de Lys; Messrs. Allman and Pollard's Lottery; and Messrs. Ricardo and Watney's Tiger Cat. The boats were neck and neck to the top buoy, where Lottery grounded, and lost several seconds. Bora then took the lead, and finally won easily. Fleur de Lys took second prize after a good race with Lottery.

BILLIARDS.

C. DAWSON v. E. DIGGLE.

These players, who have been engaged during the past week on their series of three heats of 3,000 up each, in the American handicap tournament promoted by Messrs. Burroughes and Watts, brought the third game to a conclusion at the firm's saloon, Dean-st., Soho, Dawson winning his third game in succession. During the afternoon the best breaks were 76 (full), 77, 65, 55, 51, 79, and 173 (unfinished) by Dawson, and 211, 57, 51, 144, and 59 by Diggle, the scores when the interval arrived being:—C. Dawson (owes 600) (in play), 2,125; E. Diggle (scratch), 1,629.

In the evening Dawson made best breaks of 180 full, 161, 193, 145, and Diggle a best break of 154. Dawson won by 902. Scores: Dawson, 3,000; Diggle, 2,098.

LACROSSE.

ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIP.—FINAL.

Stockport v. Woodford.—On the ground of the South Manchester Club. Stockport attacked warmly, and A. Mason and A. Johnson scored. W. N. Knight found the net for Woodford. Mason and Johnson scored again for Stockport, who led at the interval by seven goals to one. In the second half Stockport put on four more goals. Stockport, 11; Woodford, 2.

THE AMERICA CUP RACES.

A Glasgow correspondent telegraphs:—Shamrock II. has left Prince's Dock for the Solent, where she will race Shamrock I. in the second week in May. Shamrock I. will, however, be a totally different boat to the Shamrock of the America Cup races. In those races the Shamrock sailed on a water line of 87 feet 7 inches; on the Solent she will be trimmed to sail on a water line of 89 feet 6 inches. If expectations are realised, she is likely to prove a worthy opponent of Shamrock II.

POLO PONY SHOW AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

Although the attendance at the Crystal Palace was very disappointing, all the seven classes were well filled, and on the whole the opening of the season, under Mr. Eustace Blake, may be considered a success. Sir Chas. Wolseley, the Rev. T. F. Dale, Mr. C. A. Miller, Capt. Renton, and Mr. A. E. Pease were the judges, and as two rings were used all the awards were made before luncheon. In the first-class for made ponies capable of carrying 14st., there was an entry of 10, the winner being found in Lotus, the property of Mr. W. S. Matherson (London), Mr. E. E. Webb's (Chelsea) Amazon being second, and Mr. Matherson's Sage third. The light-weight class was a stronger one, and here Jean de Madre's (Ranelagh) Myrtle and Lady Frederica were awarded first and second prizes; Bantam, the property of Maj. Peters (Mitcham), was third. A couple of tournament classes followed, Mr. A. A. Suffert's (Wimbledon) Psalm being the winner from Mr. Webb's Amazon in the heavy-weight class, the London Polo Club's Sultan, a grey, being third. Among the light-weights Comte Jean de Madre's Myrtle and Lady Frederica were first and second, Mr. Suffert's Shannon Lass being third. The two novice classes were interesting, several promising ponies making a debut. Of the heavy-weights Mr. G. Doman's (York Town) Black Bess, a speedy five-year-old, was the choice of the judges. Lotus, the property of Mr. Matherson, being second, and Valentine, the property of Lieut.-col. M. Stone (Windsor) third. The Judge and the London Polo Club's Khalid were the winning light-weights. The pick of an even lot of unmade ponies were the Rev. W. R. Montifiore's (Windsor) Silver and Spree.

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